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# Rossville residents take aim at crime and blight

A group of concerned Rossville residents, who first met in March, met again last week to continue brainstorming ideas on how to improve the city and north Walker County.



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grow this group."

Wilson reminded residents that they are "eyes and ears" of the community. He said that the two meetings have brought the community together to communicate with each other.

Wilson said there are not enough law enforcement officers in the department and that is something that the county government must work on. The sheriff's department is hiring and looking for deputies to employ, but the income and benefits may sway applicants from the position as well as the stresses that face the job.

"We have had a very difficult time finding the applicants ... When you don't pay very well and your benefits are terrible, you can't attract people and that is something we are going to have to work on. We are going to have to do a better job as a county government," Wilson said.

"We have one officer, one deputy per every 1,000 people out there," Wilson said.

"Folks we can't do it all. We can't begin to do it all. You have got to help us. You have got to be those eyes and ears. You've got to submit tips to us," Wilson said.

Wilson said tips can be submitted at [walkerso.com](http://walkerso.com). He encourages residents with Internet access to use it. Tips can also be submitted anonymously.

Wilson reminded residents to call the Walker County 911 "non-emergency" number (706375-7810) rather than calling 911. The non-emergency number goes straight to Walker County; sometimes calling 911 within the county may send the caller to Catoosa County 911.

A wife of a local police officer said people should stop slamming the officers online and saying they are not doing their job. "That is not helping the community at all," she said. "We have to ban together and we have to support them."

"If they have a problem," Rossville Mayor Teddy Harris said, "I'll be glad to sit down and meet with them anytime. Don't go to social media and just be negative. Come see me and I'll sit down and talk to you about it, if you've got a concern about something in the city."

A number of other city and county officials attended the meeting, including Walker County Fire Chief Randy Camp, Rossville Police Chief Sid Adams, Walker County Schools Superintendent Damon Raines and Walker County Chamber of Commerce President Lacey Wilson. Rossville resident Jim Hill moderated the discussion, along with Roden.

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