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WPD, Union Rescue Mission, Home Depot Team Up To Help Homeless Men

Officers from the Wichita Police Department will team up tomorrow with the Union Rescue Mission and Home Depot to build a bus shelter for homeless men, it was announced today by WPD Patrol South Beat Coordinator Officer Nate Schwiethale.

“Each evening, buses from the Union Rescue Mission pick up homeless men in the downtown area and take them to the Mission for a hot shower, hot meal, warm bed and a chapel service,” said Schwiethale. “Until now, they’ve all had to wait outside in the elements. That will end tomorrow with the construction of a bus shelter at 1st and Waco streets.”

The project is the result of hard work by Officer Schwiethale, volunteers from Union Rescue Mission and employees of Home Depot. Schwiethale developed the project and worked through the City of Wichita to secure the necessary permits to build the shelter. URM will provide men from its shelter to help with the construction, and Home Depot will provide both workers and all the material for the project.”

“This is a good example of a partnership between WPD, a local service agency and

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an area business that will help make life a little easier for some of our more challenged citizens,” Schwiethale said.

The construction on the shelter will begin at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow morning near the intersection of 1st and Waco streets. For more information on the project, contact Officer Nate Schwiethale at 316-688-9358.