



**PEDRO E. SEGARRA**  
MAYOR

## **MAYOR SEGARRA NAMES INTERIM POLICE CHIEF** *National Search Process Moving Forward*

### **--- NEWS AND COMMUNITY STATEMENT---**

(December 29, 2011) --- Mayor Pedro E. Segarra today named Assistant Chief Brian Heavren interim Police Chief for the Hartford Police Department, effective Sunday, January 1, 2012.

Heavren, a 20-year veteran of the Hartford Police Department, was appointed Assistant Chief in 2007 and commands the Detective Bureau. Previously he served as Chief of Patrol, Headquarters Commander, Homeland Security Coordinator and Commander of Emergency Services. He has also served as a volunteer firefighter in Connecticut and Maryland. He holds a Master's Degree in Management and a Certificate in Homeland Security from St. Joseph College. He also has a Bachelor's Degree in Emergency Health Services Administration from the University of Maryland Baltimore County.

"I am pleased that Chief Heavren has agreed to take the helm of the Hartford Police Department to ensure a smooth transition as we continue our search for a permanent Police Chief," said Mayor Segarra. "Moreover, I am grateful to Chief Roberts for his unwavering commitment to the City and its people over the past 30 years. He has had an exemplary career with the Department from his beginnings in patrol up to the past five years as Chief, and he truly leaves big shoes to fill."

In addition to Heavren's appointment, the Mayor has selected James Rovella to serve as an assistant to the Mayor, effective December 31, 2011. Rovella, who currently leads the Shooting Task Force, will maintain all responsibilities as Chief Inspector for the State's Attorney's Office while ensuring clear communication between the Police Department and the City of Hartford.

Rovella, who previously worked at the Hartford Police Department for 20 years as a patrol officer and detective, has served with the Chief State's Attorney's since 2001, responsible for the Division of Criminal Justice's operational and administrative duties.

The Mayor and his cabinet team are reviewing Requests for Proposals from companies interested in overseeing the search process. The selected firm, which will implement a process that includes community input and a thorough vetting of candidates, will be selected in late January.

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