



**Pedro E. Segarra**  
**Mayor**

## **HARTFORD LOSES A HOMETOWN HERO**

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

(December 13, 2010) --- Hartford Mayor Pedro Segarra has issued this statement as Hartford mourns a second loss in a week. Firefighter Martin "Matt" Dirrane, a 16-year veteran of the HFD, was struck by a vehicle on Saturday while on vacation in Costa Rica and died a short time later.

"I will be meeting with Matt's family and fellow firefighters to personally deliver my condolences and offer comfort. Losing Matt is a tragedy for our entire City as our police officers and firefighters are our first line of defense. We lost a man who lived his life protecting ours. However, he was dedicated to more than the safety our city, he worked tirelessly to promote its beauty by tending to the flower beds at Sisson Avenue and the Boulevard. Matt was kind and had a big heart and now Hartford's heart has skipped a beat with this loss."

Black bunting now hangs at Ladder Company 5 at 150 Sisson Avenue. Funeral arrangements are pending.