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CITY OF HARTFORD HIRES TWO ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEFS

---NEWS RELEASE---

(February 8, 2011)--- Hartford Mayor Pedro E. Segarra and Fire Chief Edward Casares, Jr., are proud to announce the hiring of two Assistant Fire Chiefs to the distinguished Hartford Fire Department.

Carlos M. Huertas is being promoted to the position of Assistant Fire Chief of Emergency Services. Huertas has worked for the HFD for 30 years. During his career, he has ascended steadily through the ranks and was most recently promoted to the positions of Suppression Lieutenant, Suppression Captain and Deputy Chief and also served as Shift Commander for the past 8 years.

Reginald D. Freeman is being hired as the Assistant Fire Chief of Support Services. Freeman presently serves as the Fire Chief for Lockheed Martin Aeronautics in Marietta, GA. Prior to that, he worked for WSI Fire & Emergency Services, Iraq as a civilian Fire Chief. His last assignment was at their headquarters on Camp Victory in Baghdad as the Chief of Compliance, Safety, & Planning. With more than 700 firefighters and nearly 25,000 calls per year, Chief Freeman served in a position of authority with an international fire department. He has worked in a number of capacities in his fire service career such as Firefighter, Emergency Medical Technician, Fire Captain, Fire Service Instructor, Assistant Fire Chief, and Fire Chief.

Mayor Pedro E. Segarra remarked, "These appointments demonstrate that Hartford has wonderful homegrown talent and is a place that can attract very qualified candidates from around the country. Our Fire Department is recognized for its outstanding record of service and our City is a magnet for those looking for a great place to live, work, and to get involved in their community."

"These outstanding and highly qualified individuals possess the leadership qualities and abilities that are crucial to the continued success of this organization," said Chief Casares.

Chief Huertas begins his duties effective February 13th. Chief Freeman will begin his service on March 13th.