



Eddie A. Perez
Mayor

STIMULUS MONEY FUNDING HARTFORD COPS

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(July 28, 2009) --- Mayor Eddie A. Perez is very pleased to announce that Hartford is receiving Federal Stimulus Money to hire police officers and to help sustain the positive momentum of the Capital City's ongoing commitment to reduce serious crime. Hartford is receiving \$4,265,672 from the COPS Hiring Recovery Program. This is a competitive grant for which 78 Connecticut law enforcement agencies applied and only three received funding.

Mayor Perez says, "This stimulus money demonstrates the Obama Administration's support of our neighborhood policing efforts. The funding will provide Hartford with 23 officers, enough for an entire recruiting class, to enhance the good work our brave men and women who serve are already doing. I also want to congratulate the cities of New Haven and Bridgeport for also receiving this funding because we all share similar public safety challenges."

Police Chief Daryl K. Roberts says, "This funding enables us to continue to implement, improve, and enhance our Neighborhood Policing Plan and to forge ahead as we work with residents to prevent and reduce serious crime throughout our great city."

As of this date, the HPD has 460 sworn officers on staff.