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Mayor Healy & Police Chief Comey to Hold Second Public Meeting on Public Safety with Community Response Team

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy and Police Chief Thomas Comey will hold a second public meeting to address public safety that **6 p.m. on Thursday, March 22, 2012** at the **Infinity Institute** (formerly St. Paul the Apostle School), 193 Old Bergen Road.

Members of the Police Department’s newly-formed “Community Response Team” will be on hand from each district to discuss issues with members of the public and take complaints.

Last month, the Mayor and Chief Comey appointed 17 officers to the position of detective in direct response to concerns being raised by the public. These detectives will serve as part of a “Community Response Team” to address public safety and quality of life concerns. These detectives will be in uniform, but as detectives will have the added ability to conduct criminal investigations, take statements and thereby accelerate the criminal justice process to prevent further crimes from taking place and to increase the quality of life in the communities they serve.

“These meetings are an opportunity for the public to express their concerns and issues and for them to meet with the newly-appointed detectives who are leading the Community Response Teams in their communities” said **Mayor Healy**. “We know that the last meeting held at City Hall was a positive interaction with the community and are hoping that the public takes advantage of this second meeting so that we can work as partners to continue to improve the quality of life in our communities.”

In addition to the added police presence and the Community Response Team, Mayor Healy has also made a commitment to hiring more police officers and is actively pursuing grant funding to hire more officers.

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