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March 31, 2011

Mr. Robert Smuts
Chief Administrative Officer
165 Church Street
New Haven, CT 06510

Mr. Frank Limon
Chief, New Haven Department of Police Service
1 Union Avenue
New Haven, CT 06519

Dear Mr. Smuts and Chief Limon:

We write to respectfully request that you delay hiring to fill any vacant assistant chief positions at this time.

We believe the current vacancies present a unique opportunity to take a look at the department, its supervisory needs, and its organizational structure. Additionally, as the communications functions recently moved to a different department it appears that they may be less of a need for high level command staff.

This is the optimum time to take advantage of that as we recently reduced the size of the department which minimally requires adjustments to personnel assignments, deployment strategies, and operational activities.

Given all of these factors, it may be more prudent and beneficial to take the necessary time to review what the true necessities are than to hire assistant chiefs simply because the positions happen to be budgeted and vacant.

We look forward to discussing this issue with you prior to any decisions on this matter.

As always, we remain at the ready to collaborate with you to provide the residents, visitors, and youth of New Haven the best public safety in the state.

Yours Truly

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