



NEW HAVEN POLICE UNION ELM CITY LOCAL INC.

For immediate release, in the wake of settlement agreements.

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Under the Harp administration the citizens of this City continue to have their hard-earned tax dollars wasted. Instead of settling an almost (3) three-year contract dispute with the Police Union whose contract ended June 30th, 2016, the Harp administration decided it was in the City's best interest to settle a frivolous claim in the amount of 35k! Citizens of this community should ask why is that? Perhaps the citizens of this great City should question why their hard-earned taxpayer dollars were given out with such haste.

So again, the same question rears its ugly head. Why not fight the frivolous lawsuit in question you ask? Because it's easier to settle a losing baseless claim, then it is to defend them. (In this case it was a police officer the Administration was defending) Additionally, another settlement was granted in the amount of 102K. A payment in the form of hush money if you ask us.

What do the Men and women of the police department receive? A contract that's in binding arbitration. The Harp administration would rather spend thousands of dollars in lawyer fees than to settle our contract.

We as the hard-working men and women of the New Haven Police Department are outraged. Crime as well as murders are down to historic lows, (Chief Campbell paraphrased this) and how does Harp administration repay us for our hard work you ask? You got it. An unsettled contract for almost 3 years, that's how.

How does the Harp administration direct-it's Chief of Police and his Assistant Chiefs you ask? By implementing contract language that is Union-busting to say at the very least.

The policies along with an uncertain future through binding arbitration, Police Officers of all ranks, and years of service are fleeing New Haven in droves. Not only is this practice costly to the taxpayers, but unfortunately from all viewpoints never ending. Until the Harp and Campbell administrations discontinues the assault on the men and women of this Department (Rank and file) the exodus will not cease.

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The community that we serve deserve better, the neighborhoods that we serve deserve better, and lastly the men and women who serve this great City with honor and integrity deserve better.

In Solidarity,

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