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Mayor Congratulates Ten New Police Officers at Ceremony

Today, Mayor James J. Fiorentini congratulated the city's ten new police officers. The Mayor was joined by Representative Brian Dempsey who provided the additional state funding of \$2.4 million to help the city cover some of the old Hale Hospital debt. The Mayor has directed some of the revenue to hire new police officers in order to maintain a healthy level of police presence in the city. Last year, the city's budget added five new police officers, bringing the total to the highest number of police officers over the past five years. It takes time to recruit, train and swear in new police officers. Today, Mayor Fiorentini congratulated the newly sworn in 10 additional police officers to bring the total number of police officers to the highest number the city has had in years to 89. There are three more positions available, which will bring the total police officer staffing number to 92. The recent swearing in ceremony was the largest since Mayor Fiorentini became Mayor.

The Police Officers are: Chery Victoria, Bethany Boyle, Christopher Ryan, Christopher Matatall, Patrick Menzie, Zachary Phair, Kyle McCann, Shawn O'Brien, Jared Brady and Sean Harrison.

Mayor Fiorentini stated:

“We appreciate the continued support from Representative Dempsey. The \$2.4 million that he has provided to the city for many years has given the Mayor the ability to tax below the levy limit and gives us the ability to do extra things like hiring these new police officers.

“The increase in police enforcement fits into our overall priority for public safety.

“We know how important the public's safety is, and look forward to continuing to make the City of Haverhill a safe place for everyone to live and work.”



(L-R) at the event is Councilor Barrett, Mayor Fiorentini, the 10 new police officers, Chief DeNaro and Representative Dempsey