

Eddie A. Perez
Mayor

**MAYOR PEREZ OUTLINES
STRONG PUBLIC SAFETY PRIORITIES**

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(August 11, 2008)--- Hartford Mayor Eddie A. Perez today announced today some of its strongest actions yet to ensure a safe and secure city. He outlined four public safety priorities that will have both immediate and long-range effects.

Mayor Perez says, “We must do this because we cannot and will not tolerate innocent, people, especially children, to be victims.”

The Mayor, along with Police Chief Daryl K. Roberts, announced five strategic efforts:

1. **Hartford Police announced its “Most Watched List.”** These are individuals who are either wanted for offenses or who are known to be associated with illegal activities that pose a threat to the safety of our city. This list will be shared with the State’s Attorney’s Office.
2. **Strengthening commitment to enforcement and prosecution efforts:** Mayor Perez supports Chief Roberts and his work with the Chief State’s Attorney’s Office to designate a “Shooting Team” that will bring new resources and prosecutorial powers to solving and resolving any incident that involves a shooting. The goal is to prosecute shooters to the fullest extent of the law, keeping them off the streets and behind bars.
3. **30-day emergency curfew will go into effect 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 14th:** No one under the age of 18 will be allowed on the streets unless they are with their parent or guardian or with an adult approved by their parent or guardian. Those who are in violation will be taken to a designated neighborhood community center where their parent or guardian can sign them out and pick them up
4. **Increased supervision of those on probation:** Mayor Perez is sending a letter to the Governor and Chief Justice asking the state to increase its supervision of those out on bond or on probation in the City of Hartford.
5. **Ongoing urban crime-fighting resources:** Mayor Perez is working with New Haven Mayor John DeStefano, Jr. and Bridgeport Mayor Bill Finch to establish ongoing state resources to coordinate additional officers and youth intervention strategies. This investment will increase patrols, help deter life-changing choices, and build a greater sense of security in these urban communities that have the highest concentrations of poverty, gun violence, and re-entry of people getting out of prison in the entire state.

These efforts are being announced as more new officers take to the streets of Hartford and a new class of 30 officers is being recruited and trained.

Mayor Perez says, “Let there be no doubt that this Mayor will impose whatever measures necessary to keep the peace. Let me emphasize, your safety is our top priority, today and every day. However, government and police cannot act alone. As we pursue our efforts, we continue to need your help and cooperation.”

To give anonymous information on a crime, call Hartford Crime Stoppers at (860) 722-TIPS and Text-A-Tip: TIP716.