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Maturo Accepts Retirement of Chief Leonard L. Gallo; Announces Search for New Chief

East Haven Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr. made the following announcement regarding the retirement of Leonard L. Gallo as Chief of the East Haven Police Department:

“On Friday evening, January 27, 2012, Chief Leonard Gallo notified me of his intent to retire as Chief of the East Haven Police Department. This morning, he submitted to me written notice to confirm that his retirement will be effective on Friday, February 3, 2012.

While Chief Gallo’s departure comes at a difficult time, it provides a unique opportunity for the Department to move forward with new leadership; an opportunity for the Town to move forward with the healing that is necessary given recent events; and most importantly an opportunity for the entire East Haven Community to move forward as a unified group to embrace the changes that will follow.

The search for a new Chief will begin immediately. The process will be transparent, and the candidates carefully vetted to insure selection of the person most qualified to lead the Department through this crisis. The new Chief must possess the ability to effectively restructure the Department; implement suggested reforms; and reach out to and work closely with members of all segments of the East Haven Community to build trust between the Community and the Department.

I expect the road ahead to be difficult. The selection of a new Chief with a vision of hope for the future and the skills to realize that vision will restore morale to the Department and faith to the Community that it serves. Until such time as a new Chief is selected, Deputy Chief John Mannion will assume the duties of Chief.

Chief Gallo has always been an unwavering supporter of the Town of East Haven. He has been a devoted public servant, and performed admirably in both his personal and professional life. His decision to retire at this time is a selfless act, designed to assist in the healing process. I thank him for his years of devoted service and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

There will be no further comments regarding this matter.

For additional information, please contact the East Haven Mayor’s office 203-468-3204. The Town of East Haven’s website is www.townofeasthavenct.org.