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## **Mayor Maturo Announces Interim Police Chief**

East Haven, CT - Mayor Joseph Maturo is pleased to announce the appointment of Brent Larrabee as Interim Police Chief in the town of East Haven, Connecticut. Mr. Larrabee will be sworn in on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 in a private ceremony with his family and friends.

"Brent is exactly the kind of leader we need in East Haven right now," said Mayor Maturo. "He brings a career of policing experience working to provide community oriented, progressive public safety practices in diverse communities."

Mr. Larrabee previously served as Chief in the Stamford Police Department from 2005 -2010 where he lead the police force to implement neighborhood policing, created community coalitions and worked to diversify the agency, all while keeping the focus on providing responsible public safety. In 2008, Chief Larrabee received the Distinguished Police Chief's Award from the Police Commissioner's Association of Connecticut.

Previously, Larrabee rose through the ranks of the Framingham, Massachusetts Police Department until he was selected as Chief in 1987. Most recently, he has been consulting law enforcement agencies on all aspects of operations.

Chief Larrabee holds his Master's degree in Public Administration from Framingham State College in Framingham, MA and a Bachelor's of Science in Law Enforcement from Northeastern University in Boston, MA. Both degrees he earned with honors.

"I look forward to working with the Mayor, the Officers in the Department, community leaders and neighborhood groups to strengthen confidence in policing and bring a standard of excellence to East Haven," said Brent Larrabee.

A brief press conference will be held at 11:00 am in the Hagaman Memorial Library Community Room, 277 Main Street (across from Town Hall).

Immediately following, a public reception will be held, also in the Hagaman Memorial Library Community Room, where members of the East Haven community are encouraged to attend and meet the Interim Chief.