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### **Grand Opening of New East Haven Police Department Substation**

Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr., East Farm Village, and Chief Brent Larrabee are pleased to announce the opening of the new East Haven Police Department Substation located at East Farm Village, 65 Messina Drive.

Maturo explained, "The new substation will allow residents the opportunity to have more face-to-face interaction with officers of the East Haven Police Department. The new substation is just another extension of the Town and Police Department's efforts to promote a healthy and open dialogue with our residents through community policing."

Upon learning about the Mayor's desire to open a substation in the center of Town, East Farm Village Management joined with the Mayor's Office and the East Haven Police Department and offered a space to make this possible to further serve the East Haven community.

Maturo continued, "The new substation will also increase efficiency, as it will allow officers to be able to complete numerous tasks that previously could only be completed by returning to Police Headquarters. This will allow the officers to spend more time on each of their shifts in the community."

Although the substation will not be staffed 24/7, it will provide services such as allowing residents to meet officers to report crimes, file reports, and host meetings. This substation is centrally located, making it easily accessible to serve the public.

Maturo explained, "Perhaps best of all, the Town was able to negotiate a lease for the office space for the substation at no cost to the taxpayers. The Town's sole costs in opening and operating the new substation have been those associated with some new office supplies and computer equipment. "

There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. at the new substation, located on the first floor of the building located at 65 Messina Drive in East Haven, to mark its grand opening. This event will be open to any and all media outlets wishing to attend.

Maturo concluded, "Public safety has always an issue of paramount importance to my administration. I'm pleased that this new substation will enhance public safety, promote efficiency and allow our officers to be more accessible to residents on a daily basis."

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