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***MAYOR, POLICE CHIEF JOIN HARTFORD 2000 TO KICK OFF  
QUALITY OF LIFE INITIATIVE***

**Hartford, CT** – The Mayor’s Office, Police Department, the Community Court, the MetroHartford Alliance and Hartford Public Library will join Hartford 2000 in a media conference kicking off the Quality of Life Initiative at the Downtown Library at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 2013.

The purpose of the Initiative is to build a safer, more peaceful city where residents respect each other’s life and property and work together for a better community for their neighbors and themselves. Quality of life issues range from litter and excessive noise to public intoxication, drug trafficking, or random gunfire that threatens the lives of innocent people.

The Initiative includes :

1. training police officers in the use of Hartford’s Neighborhood Standards\*.
2. engaging neighbors, businesses, police officers, and other public officials in community conversations on how to improve the city’s quality of life.
3. implementing an anti-litter campaign.

**Who:** Mayor Pedro Segarra; Police Chief James Rovella; Judge Raymond Norko; MetroHartford Alliance CEO Oz Griebel; Library CEO Matthew K. Poland, and Hartford 2000 Co-Chair Jacqueline D. McKinney.

**What:** Press conference to kick off the Hartford Quality of Life Initiative, a joint effort of Hartford 2000, the Mayor’s Office, the Hartford Police Department, the MetroHartford Alliance, and Hartford Public Library.

**When:** Tuesday, July 9, 10 a.m.

**Where:** Hartford Public Library Atrium, Downtown Branch, 500 Main Street, Hartford, CT.

\*Hartford's Neighborhood Standards, adopted by the City Council in 2011, bring together in clear form quality of life provisions in the City code. The Standards were developed by Hartford 2000 (known as "H2K"), the coalition of 13 Neighborhood Revitalization Zone organizations (NRZs) and the City of Hartford.

### **About Hartford Public Library**

The Hartford Public Library traces its roots to 1774. It operates 10 locations in the City of Hartford. The Library receives more than 865,000 visits per year. Services include access to a large collection of materials for reading and research, as well as music and video. Programs provide education, information and enrichment to the people of Hartford in such areas as citizenship training, literacy, business skills and cultural awareness. The mission of Hartford Public Library is to provide free resources that inspire reading, guide learning, and encourage individual exploration. According to a recent editorial in *The Hartford Courant*, "Indeed, the Library has established itself as the center of the community in Hartford." To learn more about the library, please see [www.hplct.org](http://www.hplct.org).



*Working together --13 Neighborhood Revitalization Zones and the City of Hartford  
Our mission is to strengthen the individual and collective capabilities  
of the Neighborhood Revitalization Zones  
and to serve as an advocate for neighborhood issues.*