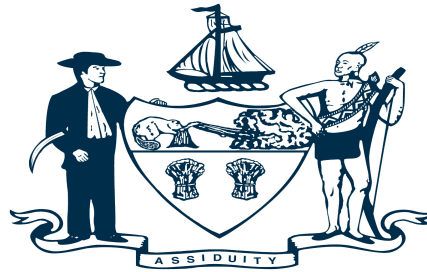




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Beat Officers Deployed Today

Chief Steven Krokoff announced that the new neighborhood unit was deployed today that puts permanent beat officers in neighborhoods throughout the city.

The Neighborhood Engagement Unit was created after months of internal and external discussions with Community Policing Advisory Committees as well as numerous individuals and groups from throughout the community.

The NEU installs permanent police officer beats in specific zones in the city (see map attached of zones). The officers will patrol those zones either on bicycle or on foot.

Lieutenant Michael Tremblay will command the unit and it will be supervised by Sergeants Peter Noonan, Jason Davis, Anthony Geraci and Kenneth Sesock.

The NEU marks the police departments commitment to a new community policing philosophy that will reconnect and develop vital partnerships with the citizens its serves.

The Sergeants and the beat officers will work directly out of the Center and South Stations. They will be expected to work with neighborhood associations to efficiently deal with the quality of life issues that affect the diverse number of neighborhoods in the city.

The NEU officers recently completed a 40 hour block of specialized training which encompassed topics related to community policing, problem orientated policing, cultural awareness and diversity, verbal communication and school and community resource programs that will assist them in their new roles.

Chief Krokoff stated, "This new unit will mirror the entire department's philosophy on community policing. The officers assigned to the unit will be instrumental in

reconnecting with the citizens of Albany to not only improve the quality of life in their respective neighborhoods but also make each and every resident feel safe as well.”