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New Bedford Police Department Adds Five New Officers

New Bedford, Massachusetts- The New Bedford Police Department has added five new police officers to its ranks earlier this month. Five new officers, who recently graduated from the Police Academy, were officially sworn-in at a ceremony on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. at New Bedford City Hall.

The new officers will raise the department's complement of officers to 258 members. With these new officers, a total of seven officers will have taken the oath to serve and protect New Bedford residents this year. In June of 2014, two highly experienced officers transferred into the New Bedford Police Department from other area departments.

Mayor Jon Mitchell said, "The first order of business of government is to protect people, and I take that responsibility very seriously as mayor. That's why I have made it a priority to give our police department what it needs to get the job done. A key element is making sure we recruit the very best officers we can get, and that is certainly true for the group of new officers joining the force."

"It is important to acknowledge the tough, serious, and important work that our police officers do on daily basis to ensure that we live in an orderly, free society. In my prior career as a federal prosecutor, I worked with police departments across Massachusetts and America and frankly, the New Bedford Police Department stood out in its dedication to excellence, its competence and high level of professionalism. I look forward to joining Chief David Provencher in welcoming our newest officers to the department," he continued.

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