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City Announces Sunday Public Memorial Service at Zeiterion for Police Chief David A. Provencher

Mass, Motorcade, and Burial Planned for Saturday Morning

New Bedford, Massachusetts—The City of New Bedford continues to mourn the loss of Police Chief David A. Provencher. Arrangements have been made for family, friends and the public to pay their respects.

On Sunday at 11:00 AM the City of New Bedford will host a memorial service for the general public at the Zeiterion Theatre (684 Purchase Street New Bedford). Family, friends and colleagues will reflect on the contributions that Chief Provencher made to the community in his 35 years of service with the New Bedford Police Department. Doors will open to the public at 10:30AM. The service will be taped and aired on New Bedford Cable Access Government Channel 18 later in the week.

On Friday evening from 4:00PM to 8:00PM, Aubertine-Lopes Funeral Home (129 Allen Street, New Bedford) will host visiting hours.

On Saturday morning at 9:00 AM, a Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at St. Joseph—St. Therese Church (51 Duncan Street, near the corner of Acushnet Avenue and Ingraham Street across from Brooklawn Park).

Kindly proceed directly to the church on Saturday morning. Attendees are encouraged to use the public parking lot located in Brooklawn Park (entrance on Acushnet Avenue just north of St. Joseph-St. Therese).

Following the Mass, a procession will depart the church for Sacred Heart Cemetery #2 located on Mount Pleasant Street adjacent to the New Bedford Airport. The planned route from the church is as follows: north on Acushnet Avenue, west on Brooklawn Street, south on Ashley Boulevard, west on Nash Road, north on Mount Pleasant Street. Motorists are advised to plan for delays along the procession route.

The public is also invited to express their sympathy by signing condolence books located in the lobby of City Hall (133 William Street), and at each of the City's four police stations.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Chief Provencher's memory to the New England Organ Bank or American Cancer Society.