



**City of New Bedford**  
**Jonathan F. Mitchell, Mayor**

## **City Adds 18 New Police Cruisers to Public Safety Fleet**

**New Bedford, Massachusetts** – On January 15, 2014 Mayor Jon Mitchell, Chief Financial Officer Ari Sky, and Police Chief David Provencher, officially announced the addition of 18 new police vehicles to the New Bedford Police Department Fleet.

Years of service and use has aged many of the Police Department's vehicles, causing them to need constant repairs. It has been a major priority of Mayor Mitchell to carry out the long overdue replacement of broken and aging public safety vehicles.

Mayor Mitchell stated, "For several years, it's been obvious that we need to do something about our fleet. Repair costs have been rising as vehicles have grown old. It just doesn't make sense financially to continue business as usual. The principal challenge for my Administration has always been finding a way to fund the purchase of new vehicles while living within the City's means."

Chief Financial Officer Ari Sky helped make this mission possible by developing cost-effective financing solutions that enabled the vehicle acquisitions. With FY 2012 Free Cash funds, the City was able to add 18 new police cruisers to the Police Department Fleet. The purchase totaled \$696,277.

The cruisers are the most recent of several upgrades that have been made to the City's public safety fleet.

The City previously brought more than one dozen new vehicles into service including six snow plow trucks, two Emergency Medical Services (EMS) ambulances, two New Bedford Fire Department SUVs, an off-road fire apparatus and a rapid response rescue boat. The City has also committed to purchasing two new fire pumpers.

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