



New York State Association of Chiefs of Police, Inc.

Chiefs' Association Introduces CompStat Facilitator

Association to Provide Technical Assistance to Local Police to Identify Patterns and Reduce Crime

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE JAN. 2, 2012: SCHENECTADY, NY - The New York State Association of Chiefs of Police is pleased to announce that Joseph B. Wing has been hired for the new position of CompStat Facilitator. He joins the Association having just retired as Chief of Police for the Village of Hempstead on Long Island. Chief Wing's law enforcement began in 1981 as a uniform police officer in the Village of Hempstead. He became Sergeant in 1986 and Detective Lieutenant in 2001. He served as the Chief of Police since 2007.

In 1991, Wing graduated from the Hofstra University of Law where he received his Juris Doctorate Degree with Distinction, graduating in the top ten percent of his class. He has been admitted to the New York and Connecticut State Bars. Wing has also served as an Adjunct Professor in the Criminal Justice Department at Briarcliffe College.

The position of CompStat Facilitator is new to the Association, and in fact, it is the first of its kind to serve areas outside of the designated Operation IMPACT zones.

DCJS Acting Commissioner Sean M. Byrne said, "New York State has made tremendous strides over the past two decades in reducing crime, and key to that effort has been the use of timely, accurate crime data, rapid deployment of staff in response to what the data tells us and relentless follow-up. The state is pleased to partner with the Chiefs' Association to enable more agencies across the state to leverage the power of intelligence-driven policing and crime analysis in their fight against crime in their communities."

Chief Wing is looking forward to his new position, saying, "My experiences with Hempstead PD, from a uniformed officer to Chief, have helped me to understand not only the needs of cops on the street, but also the needs of administrators. I have had the luxury of seeing exactly how intelligence-led policing can help agencies and communities of all sizes to better understand and respond to their crime issues. While some of this might seem intimidating, it is really common sense. I look forward to working with police leaders in sharing the CompStat model."

Association President Joseph Waldron (Mechanicville PD), said "We welcome Chief Wing to our office knowing that he will be providing a much-needed service to our Chiefs. I would personally like to thank Acting Commissioner Byrne for his insight and support, and Deputy Commissioner Tony Perez and Director Julie Pasquini of the Office of Public Safety for their assistance in this critical project."

During Wing's tenure as Chief, he developed and implemented a plan for overlapping patrol tours. The approach effectively doubled the size of Hempstead's patrol force during six of the peak hours of reported police activity. Wing also co-authored a grant in which his department received funding for a records management system which not only reduced the time spent by officers in completing paperwork, but enhanced the ability to analyze data and allocate resources to hot spots in Hempstead.

Wing was instrumental in the formation of the Long Island Street Gang Task Force which consists of federal, state, county and village law enforcement agencies. The Task Force is housed at Hempstead Police Department and the members work collaboratively to combat gang problems in Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

Executive Director John Grebert applauds the support of DCJS in this crime fighting initiative. "In recent years we have seen reductions in violent crime here in New York, and while it is often difficult to point to definitive reasons why it has happened, part of the success goes to intelligence-led policing. Operation IMPACT areas have been using that strategy which is certainly a contributing factor to the reduction of violent crime. Now it's time for other areas, including smaller jurisdictions, to enjoy the benefits of CompStat." Grebert added, "Chief Wing is a great fit for this job – he brings years of experience from the trenches, as well as from the command level. He has a great personality and can relate to the problems faced by today's police executives, while providing tools to help leverage resources, reduce crime, and improve the quality of life in communities all across New York State."

Joseph Wing will begin working as CompStat Facilitator effective January 1, 2012. He can be reached through the Association's main office at 518-355-3371 or via email at joseph.wing@nychiefs.org.

Questions about this news release? Contact Mark A. Spawn, Director of Research, Development and Training at the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police: 518-355-3371, apb@nychiefs.org or 2697 Hamburg Street, Schenectady, New York 12303.