

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Clergy Ambassador's Program is to formalize a working relationship between the New Haven Police Department and New Haven area clergy in an effort to:

- form a partnership that will build trust and mutual respect between the police department and the community;
- improve the quality of life of all New Haven residents;
- reduce crime and;
- enhance public safety.

NEW HAVEN POLICE DEPARTMENT'S AMBASSADOR'S PROGRAM

AGREEMENT BETWEEN CLERGY AND POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Role and Responsibilities of New Haven Police Department**

1. The New Haven Police Department ("NHPD") will make every effort to stay engaged in community policing that will foster trust within the community.
2. The Police Chief or designee will meet with the Ambassadors at least six times a year to discuss violence and issues of concern in New Haven. In this regard, NHPD agrees to inform Ambassadors on issues concerning police-community relations, public safety and quality of life, including significant events occurring in each management district.
3. The NHPD will investigate and respond appropriately to valid concerns raised by the Ambassadors.
4. The NHPD will continue to provide training to its officers that will equip them in engaging the community in a non-confrontational manner unless provoked otherwise.
5. The Police Chief or designee will review annually the performances of each Ambassador.
6. Recruit, screen and select/renew Clergy Ambassadors. This includes conducting warrant checks, and making and forwarding two sets of fingerprints to the appropriate background check division of the police department. Warrant checks and fingerprinting must be conducted for each active Ambassador once every three (3) years.

7. Provide ongoing guidance for the Ambassadors.

**Roles and Responsibilities of New Haven Clergy Ambassadors**

- 1) Attend Ambassador's meeting with NHPD at least six times a year.
- 2) Attend Ambassador meetings when called.
- 3) Promote community participation in NHPD sponsored programs.
- 4) Conduct roll call training when requested by NHPD.
- 5) Advise NHPD on emerging community concerns.
- 6) Assist with mediating disputes between community and NHPD, demonstrating neutrality with respect to the NHPD and the community perspective.
- 7) Promote good will between NHPD and the community.