



## **Central Falls Police Department Office of Public Information**

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### **Central Falls Police Department Appoint Two New Officers**

CENTRAL FALLS, R.I. – Swearing-in ceremonies were conducted during two separate occasions this month at Central Falls City Hall.

The following candidates were appointed by Mayor James Diossa and the police chief, Colonel James J. Mendonca, before large audiences of friends, family members, city officials and colleagues within the ranks of Central Falls Police Department:

#### **Monday, December 2, 2013**

David Hemond Jr. (28), of Cranston, who graduated from the police academy March 14, 2008, was hired as a lateral transfer to fill a current staffing vacancy. He was previously employed as an officer with the Portland Maine police department. Hemond brings nearly five years of experience to the agency.

#### **Tuesday, December 17, 2013**

Jeffrey N. Dumont (25), of Central Falls, a former public safety dispatcher with the City of Central Falls, graduated December 17, 2013 from the RI Municipal Police Academy. Dumont, a veteran of armed conflict in Afghanistan, currently serves with the RI Air National Guard. In addition, he received special distinction as the recipient of an

academy award for being the first guide-on carrier, a duty proudly borne throughout the grueling twenty-two week program.

The funding for Dumont's appointment was derived from a Department of Justice COPS hiring grant intended to supplant a current uniformed patrol position to facilitate the reestablishment of a School Resource Officer (SRO) at Central Falls High School. The SRO will provide security, guidance and interventions to students while implementing community-policing programs designed to target juvenile delinquency.

During the summer months, when the school is not in session, the SRO will assist the departments Special Investigative Unit (SIU) which works to diminish organized crime and mitigate narcotics trafficking and the violence commonly associated with the distribution of illicit drugs.

The officers must first undergo a challenging Field Training and Evaluation Program, and upon successful completion, will bring the police department's compliment of officers to thirty-seven.

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