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SHERIFF KOUTOUJIAN RELEASES 100 DAY REPORT

BILLERICA – Today Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian released a report detailing his first 100 days in office during a press conference at the Middlesex House of Correction in Billerica.

This document cites the changes Sheriff Koutoujian has made and plans to make at the Middlesex Sheriff's Office, since his appointment by Governor Deval Patrick on January 21, 2011.

“From my first week in office, I have adhered to a clear vision for the Middlesex Sheriff's Office: improving public safety,” Sheriff Koutoujian said. “In these first 100 days, we have taken great strides toward re-establishing public trust and creating pride in this workforce. At the same time, we are generating new, innovative inmate programs, as well as establishing lasting efficiencies to assist our department and local communities alike in saving taxpayer dollars. The end results are confident communities and safer streets.”

Sheriff Koutoujian has instituted several new policies to bring about cost savings, new ideas and to restore public confidence in this historic department. Examples, as outlined in the report, include a policy that prevents employees from contributing to his campaign; instituting promotional examinations; and accreditation by the American Correctional Association.

The report also details Sheriff Koutoujian's work to expand inmate program services, understanding that the men in his custody require proper assistance and education to succeed outside the walls. Examples include meeting with local chambers of commerce to foster job opportunities for inmates; a new custodial certification program for inmates; continuation and expansion of the highly successful inmate culinary arts program.

Also included in the 100 Day Report are details about an innovative, new inmate program, spawned from a partnership between the Middlesex Sheriff's Office and the Xerox Corporation. This new program, the first of its kind to be implemented in a sheriff's office anywhere in the country, will educate inmates in digital design and printing.

“The challenge is to effectively capitalize on the window of opportunity provided by incarceration,” Sheriff Koutoujian said. “If we give inmates the chance to develop a skill or increase their education level, they will return to society with the tools they need to help get a job, pay their debts, earn a living and be a productive citizen.”

This program was demonstrated at the press conference by Vice President and General Manager of Xerox Corporation's New England Region, Anthony M. Sci. Mr. Sci also spoke about its benefits.

“We are very excited to have this partnership. The Sheriff is being innovative and forward thinking by taking this program to another level,” Mr. Sci said. “There are over 1,300 printers in New England. The printing industry is looking and craving skilled employees. This program is allowing employers to have those employees.”

Also at the event was Billerica Police Chief Daniel Rosa, who spoke in support of Sheriff Koutoujian's improvements.

“The accomplishments of this administration in its first one hundred days has far exceeded my hopes and expectations,” Chief Rosa said. “As a police chief, I am encouraged by the Sheriff's open-mindedness and welcoming to local law enforcement. I look forward to continuing our important partnership long into the future.”

A copy of the 100 Day Report can be obtained by visiting www.middlesexsheriff.com.

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