

Mayor Mitchell announces search process for next New Bedford Chief of Police

Mayor Jon Mitchell today laid out his plans to conduct an internal search for the City's next Chief of Police and has assembled a screening committee to assist with the search process. Police officers with the New Bedford Police Department who have attained the rank of Captain or Lieutenant are eligible to apply for the position of Chief.

The Chief of Police is responsible for the overall planning, administration and operation of the New Bedford Police Department. The Chief is appointed by and reports to the Mayor of the City of New Bedford.

Mayor Mitchell has assembled a small committee to interview the candidates and ultimately recommend to him two candidates who would make an excellent Chief of Police. The screening committee members bring a breadth of perspective and have a shared ability to recognize leadership ability.

"New Bedford deserves a police chief who, like former Chief David Provencher, has the leadership and technical skills that will command the respect of the department and the community alike, and will enable our officers to keep our neighborhoods safe. We have assembled a committee of individuals with diverse perspectives and familiarity with the department that will help me make the make this important decision," New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell.

The New Bedford Police Chief Screening Committee Members include:

- Loretta Bourque, Founding Member of the Cove Street Neighborhood Association

- Edmund F. Craig, Jr., Commissioner of the New Bedford Licensing Board and Retired New Bedford Police Lieutenant
- David Donahue, Retired Special Agent for the FBI
- Brian K. Gomes, At- Large City Councilor
- Kevin Hegarty, Retired New Bedford Police Deputy Chief
- David Lizotte, Acting New Bedford Police Chief
- Maria Rosario, Executive Director of Northstar Learning Centers
- Dr. Bruce Rose, President of the New Bedford Chapter of the NAACP

The City of New Bedford Director of Personnel will officially post the position and begin accepting applications, resumes and letters of intent from candidates for a two-week period, beginning on February 29th and ending on March 11th at 4:00PM. Employment applications may be downloaded from the City of New Bedford website at <http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/personnel/> .