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Susan Hutson, Independent Police Monitor
Office of the Inspector General
525 St. Charles Avenue
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RE: Interim Recommendations for Training

Dear Ms. Hutson:

Training is a critical element in the safe and efficient operation of any major-city police organization; and, since May 2010, training has been a key focus of this administration. In 2011 alone, both required in-service training totaling over 44,000 hours and specialized elective training opportunities amounting to over 34,000 hours were provided to all members.

Before the end of 2012, we will be adding an additional training component which will afford us the unique ability to provide our members with daily training capable of targeting specific issues, including officer safety and tactical operational procedures.

I have instructed our Academy Commander to review your correspondence for any deficiencies in procedures or training which can be identified based on the observation summaries you have provided. I have further instructed the Commander to, within 30 days, provide this office written recommendations which would enhance our training and improve our delivery of services to the community regarding these topic areas. These recommendations will be incorporated into our current 2012 training programs.

Sincerely,


Ronal W. Serpas
Superintendent of Police

cc: Mitchell J. Landrieu, Mayor
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