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MAYOR NUTTER WELCOMES ADDITIONAL POLICE FUNDING FROM GOVERNOR RENDELL

Philadelphia, February 04 – At a press conference in City Hall today Governor Rendell announced that his proposed budget would contain funding to help Philadelphia to hire 100 new police officers together with money to help pay for the 100 police officers that the city hired in 2006.

“This additional funding provides a massive boost to our crime fighting efforts here in Philadelphia,” said Mayor Nutter. “Philadelphia and Harrisburg will need to work in partnership if we are going to tackle the crime problem that we have in this city and I thank the Governor for coming here to make this announcement. His presence underlines our joint commitment to ending the violence in this city.”

This funding will be directed through Governor Rendell’s Pennsylvania Police on Patrol Program, a program that provides for cities to hire additional sworn officers to be deployed in areas facing problems of gun violence and drug-related crime. Since 2006 Philadelphia has received almost \$10 million from this program. The proposed budget doubles funding for the program, continuing funding for the 100 officers already hired, together with an additional \$5 million per year for three years to assist the City in hiring additional police officers.

Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey was also present at the press conference. “We have serious crime problems here in Philadelphia and the crime plan that I presented last week is just the beginning,” said Ramsey. “This additional funding is going to be a tremendous help to us.”