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## News Release – Mayor, City Council, Police Chief and Officers’ Union Agree to Bring Body Cameras to Rochester Police Department

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(Thursday, Dec. 18, 2014) – Mayor Lovely A. Warren, City Council President Loretta Scott, Police Chief Michael Ciminelli, City Council Public Safety Committee Chairman Adam McFadden and Locust Club President Michael Mazzeo announced today that the Rochester Police Department has taken the first steps to equip Rochester Police officers with body cameras, a move that will further protect the public and officers.

Mayor Warren, Council President Scott, Chief Ciminelli and Inv. Mazzeo issued the following statement in support of adding body cameras to the RPD inventory:

“We recognize that there is a high level of interest in police body cameras and their potential use by the Rochester Police Department (RPD). We are moving forward to develop and implement a plan to deploy body cameras. We are in the process of working through a number of technical, policy, labor, and cost factors that must be resolved to successfully implement a body camera program in RPD.

“We are also aware of President Obama’s recent announcement that he intends to make federal funding available which could provide the City up to 50% in matching federal funds for the purchase of police body cameras. This could potentially result in significant savings for the City.

“So, while at this time, we cannot provide a specific date for implementation of an RPD body camera program, we are diligently moving forward to achieve this.

“We will keep the community advised of our progress as we work through this process.”

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