



Hampton Police Division Media Release

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Dedication of the Hampton Police Public Safety Building

On **Wednesday, November 6, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.**, the Hampton Police Division will hold a ceremony to dedicate the Public Safety Building located at 40 Lincoln Street in honor of Retired Chief Pat G. Minetti. The City of Hampton is pleased to announce that Vice Mayor, Linda Curtis, City Manager, Mary Bunting and other City Officials will be in attendance.

On August 14, 2013, the Hampton City Council unanimously passed a resolution to rename the Hampton Police Division Headquarters to the **Pat G. Minetti Public Safety Building**. Chief Minetti joined the Hampton Police Division as a patrol officer in 1955. He spent 45 years with the division, 29 of which he served as Chief of Police. "He energized the cooperation and involvement of the community in developing and implementing dozens of successful and frequently emulated, crime fighting and crime prevention programs. Under Chief Minetti's leadership, the Hampton Police Division became one of the finest and most highly respected police departments in the country" (City Manager, Mary Bunting).

Immediately following the Headquarters dedication ceremony an additional ceremony will take place to honor Retired Chief Townsend. The division training room which is located inside of police headquarters will be re-named the **Thomas H. Townsend Training Room**.

This event is open to the media and to the public. However, members of the media wishing to attend must display their media credentials and are requested to R.S.V.P by contacting either Cpl. Shackelford at 757-727-6608 or Sgt. Price at 757-727-6638.

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