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Hon. Joseph A. Curtatone
93 Highland Avenue
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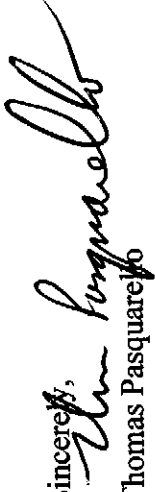
Dear Mayor Curtatone:

Due to extraordinary circumstances that occurred at the Police Department during Fiscal Year 2011 that includes flooding of the Public Safety Building, manpower shortages as a result of resignations, Officer shootings, Officer stabbings and the Retirement of three Superior Officer's we find that the Personal Services Budget will be in a deficit of approximately \$45,000.00.

Due to the retirements of three Superior Officer's including one Captain and two Lieutenants a substantial amount of money was paid in buyouts upwards of over \$150,000.00. The Captain and one of the Lieutenants were assigned to positions that did not need to be covered by Overtime until their replacement was hired. However, the Lieutenant assigned to Patrol had to have his shifts covered for five months on an overtime cost basis amounting to \$42,000.00. Although we were able to absorb most of the costs related to the retirements we find our line short \$45,000.00. Therefore, we are requesting a transfer into the Police Overtime line 012051-513000.

It is for the reasons listed above that we respectfully ask that funding be appropriated to cover this deficit.

Sincerely,


Thomas Pasquarello

Police Chief