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WEEKEND TRAINING AIMED AT ENHANCING PROVIDENCE'S VIBRANT DOWNTOWN NIGHTLIFE

Mayor Cicilline and the Hospitality Resource Partnership bring in world-renowned security expert to train nightclub owners, managers and staff

PROVIDENCE – Mayor David N. Cicilline today announced the City is partnering with the Hospitality Resource Partnership (HRP) to train nightclub owners and their staff in an effort to enhance safety at the city's downtown nightclubs. The training is part of an ongoing effort to ensure that downtown Providence continues to be a vibrant, fun arts and cultural destination for residents and visitors alike.

The two-day training will take place on Saturday, October 4th and Sunday, October 5th at Hotel Providence from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

World-renowned security nightclub specialist Robert Smith, President & CEO of Nightclub Security Consultants, Incorporated, will conduct the training. The classes will focus on crowd management, checking identification, conflict resolution and other safety issues. Smith will also review evacuation plans of area nightclubs.

The Downtown Improvement District (DID) collaborated with the City of Providence and other organizations to establish the HRP in January 2007 with the goal of creating a more safe and vibrant arts and cultural environment downtown. Members of the RHP include the City of Providence, Downtown Improvement District, Rhode Island Foundation, Providence Foundation, Johnson & Wales University, Brown University, Providence College, Providence Police Department, Downtown Neighborhood Alliance, Cornish Associates, Providence Downtown Churches Association, Lupos, AS220, The Complex, Jewelry District Association, Club Hell, Mirabar, Prov, Black Repertory Company and Finnegan's Wake.

The HRP wants to thank Hotel Providence for its generous contribution to this event. The hotel is providing free lodging for the trainer. For more information on this weekend's training, contact the director of the Mayor's Substance Abuse Task Force, Caitlin Thomas-Henkel, at 351-4300.

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