

Congressman Rothman Meets with Bergen County First Responders to Learn About Their Visit to Israel

Executive Summary

(Hackensack, NJ)

— On Thursday, February 19, 2009, Congressman Steve Rothman met with a group of Bergen County First Responders who had traveled to Israel in September 2008, on a mission sponsored by the United Jewish Appeal (UJA) Federation of Northern New Jersey's Partnership 2000. Using UJA's Northern New Jersey sister city of Nahariya (6 km from the Lebanese border) as their home base, these local police and fire officials toured Israel from Lebanon to Sderot, and learned how their Israeli counterparts deal with a variety of policing and fire issues.

During the 8-day visit, the first responders observed training exercises with their Israeli counterparts. Another focus of the expedition was to learn about new techniques in counter-terrorism.

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Chief

Lawrence Rauch, Bergen County Law and Public Safety Academies; Sergeant Brian Lyman, Ramsey Police Department; SRR; Dr. Bernard Hammer, Chair of Partnership 2000 Community Task Force; Lieutenant Mark Lepinski, 9-1-1 Coordinator, Bergen County Police Department; Sergeant David Donow, Bergen County Police Department, K9 Unit

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Sergeant

Barry Leventhal, Bergen County Police Department, Deputy Bergen County Emergency Management Coordinator; Chief Joel Thornton (Ret.), Hackensack Fire Department; Captain Steven Babiak, Special Operations, Bergen County Police Department; Captain Stephen Jaffe, Mahwah Police Department; Lieutenant Michael Devine, Officer-in-Charge, Bergen County Police Academy

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