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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**City of New Haven to Announce Community Crisis Response Team**

NEW HAVEN, Conn. – Tomorrow afternoon New Haven Mayor Justin Elicker, Community Services Administrator Dr. Mehul Dalal, Project Fresh Start Coordinator Carlos Sosa-Lombardo, Police Chief Otoniel Reyes, Fire Chief John Alston, City Staff, and community partners will host a press conference at City Hall announcing the launch of a process to create a Community Crisis Response Team.

In response to the New Haven Police Department fielding thousands of calls for service during the year, the Community Crisis Response Team program will be aimed at providing a more holistic approach to certain service calls that may not require police. The vision for the mobile crisis intervention unit is that it will be made up of teams with expertise in harm reduction, mental health, substance use, and other social supports that will be dispatched to appropriate calls through the 9-1-1 call center. Mayor Elicker and others will unveil the vision for the crisis response team, the process the City has begun to undertake to create this group, and outline other details of the program goals at the press conference.

**Community Crisis Response Team Press Conference**

*Mayor Justin Elicker, Dr. Dalal, Carlos Sosa-Lombardo,  
Chief Reyes, Chief Alston, City Staff, and Local Partners*

New Haven City Hall  
165 Church Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Atrium  
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