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**Crime Commission President Aborn Statement on
Bratton's Final Day as Police Commissioner,
Outlook for NYPD Under O'Neill**

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New York, NY - Crime Commission President Richard Aborn made the following statement today on police Commissioner Bill Bratton's last day with the NYPD, his legacy and the future of the department under new Commissioner James O'Neill.

"Bill Bratton's insights and innovations directly led to this nation's crime turnaround and an unprecedented era of public safety," Aborn said. "Perhaps more importantly, he continued to innovate, utilizing new technology and research to build on his data-driven advancements in policing, drawing a blueprint for the future of crime-fighting that his successor Jimmy O'Neill and countless other law enforcement leaders will follow for years to come. In particular, Bratton's neighborhood policing program has begun to ameliorate community tensions, laying the groundwork for greatly improved relations."

"Jimmy O'Neill faces many challenges at a pivotal moment for the NYPD and American policing, including persistent pockets of high crime in low income areas, strained police/community relations, and evolving terror threats. O'Neill is well-equipped to meet our public safety challenges as a senior member of Bratton's team and a life-long NYPD cop who oversaw the very programs that will be key to the department's success, including creative and effective community engagement strategies."

"The Crime Commission thanks Commissioner Bratton and applauds him on his unparalleled career. We look forward to continuing his work with Commissioner O'Neill and hearing his thoughts on the future of the NYPD at a Crime Commission forum next month."

Richard Aborn is available for comment. Aborn advises criminal justice agencies, law enforcement leaders and police departments in the United States and abroad, including work with Commissioner Bratton and the NYPD on initiatives such as Project Fast Track and the Gun Violence Suppression Division, as well as other projects.

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