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Retiring Commissioner Bratton Discusses NYPD's Path, Progress at Citizens Crime Commission Forum

*Citizens Crime Commission hosts outgoing NYPD Commissioner at Milstein
Criminal Justice Policy Forum during his final week*

New York, NY - William J. Bratton began his final week as NYPD Commissioner today by discussing the department's path and its progress during a forum hosted by the Citizens Crime Commission of New York City in midtown Manhattan. Law enforcement and leaders from New York's criminal justice and business communities attended Bratton's speech, including incoming NYPD Commissioner James O'Neill.

Bratton outlined his "5 T's" plan - tackling crime, trust, training, technology and terrorism prevention - as a model for law enforcement across the nation. He also directly addressed specific challenges facing the NYPD, including the need to improve community policing, and described the public safety landscape in New York shaped by him and his successor, Chief of Department O'Neill.

"One of the reasons I am optimistic as I leave is not only the successes I leave behind, but also how far my profession and also how far we as a society have come," said **Commissioner Bratton**, speaking on how the NYPD and law enforcement as a whole has evolved since he was a beat officer in Boston in the 1970s.

"Improving the quality of life in crime-stricken areas was always Bill Bratton's goal, and cities across the country have him to thank for safer streets and stronger communities. New Yorkers have him to thank for the lowest crime rate in our history," said **Richard Aborn, President of the Citizens Crime Commission**. "We will miss Commissioner Bratton--but his positive influence on law enforcement will be felt in our city for years to come."

The Citizens Crime Commission has worked with the NYPD during Bratton's final years as commissioner, implementing gun and gang violence prevention programs, as well as to develop policies and initiatives to improve community policing and advance a new era of "precision policing".

Today's event was part of the Citizens Crime Commission's ongoing Milstein Criminal Justice Policy Forum breakfast series.

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About the Citizens Crime Commission:

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