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U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS PRESIDENT MIAMI MAYOR MANNY DIAZ TO KICK OFF MAYOR'S '08 ACTION FORUMS IN PHILADELPHIA

CRIME AND PUBLIC SAFETY TO BE THE FOCUS

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Conference of Mayors President Miami Mayor Manny Diaz, along with Host Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter, Miami Police Chief and Police Executive Research Forum President, John Timoney, and USCM CEO and Executive Director Tom Cochran, will kick off the **Mayors '08 Action Forums on crime in Philadelphia on Wednesday, August 6th**.

This forum will bring together mayors and police chiefs from around the country to work on a new agenda to advance community policing, provide police officers with updated technology, and create a plan that will involve city residents in reducing neighborhood violence and street crime. The recommendations that come out of the forum will be presented to the next President of the United States during the critical first 100 days of the new administration.

According to a Zogby poll released by the mayors' organization earlier this year, American people today are more concerned about street crime and neighborhood criminals than international terrorists. Without a Federal partnership that provides resources, personnel and technological support, current crime statistics are unlikely to change.

Mayor Diaz, the newly-elected President of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the nation's premiere bipartisan lobbying organization for the America's cities and metropolitan areas believes, "National problems demand national investments."

"Mayors wholly support the vision described by President Manny Diaz and are committed to his leadership and a new national agenda for their cities," said Tom Cochran, Executive Director and CEO of the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

WHO: Miami Mayor Manny Diaz, USCM President
Tom Cochran, USCM CEO and Executive Director
Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter, Host
John Timoney, Miami Police Chief and President of the National Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), The Nation's Premiere Organization of Police Chiefs and Law-Enforcement Executives

WHAT: Crime and Public Safety Forum: **PRESS CONFERENCE AT 12 NOON**

WHEN: Wednesday, August 6th at 12 p.m.

WHERE: Westin Hotel – Franklin Room (subject to change)
99 South 17th Street at Liberty Place
Philadelphia, PA 19103