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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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# **NEWINGTON POLICE OFFICERS JOIN NUTMEG INDEPENDENT LABOR UNION**

WATERTOWN – Nutmeg Independent Labor Unions, an organization of municipal and state employee unions in Connecticut announced on Monday that the Newington Police Officers Union had voted unanimously to join Nutmeg and become the 15<sup>th</sup> public safety union in the state to join Nutmeg in the last five years.

“With police officers under greater scrutiny, we at Nutmeg are fully aware of the need to keep our police officer members safe while ensuring that the communities that they serve can trust in their performance,” said Eric Brown an attorney and the founder of Nutmeg. “Cops in Connecticut have been unfairly criticized. We know that with strong recruitment standards and state of the art training, Connecticut can be a safe place for all. Our goal at Nutmeg is to ensure the best training and pay for the best police officers in the country.”

Newington employs 57 officers serving a population of close to 31,000 residents in Central Connecticut. The town’s police perform first-responder medical services along with their law enforcement responsibilities.

Brown said that the union and the town will begin contract negotiations in mid-winter with the hope of securing a new collective bargaining agreement for officers by the time the current agreement expires in June, 2021.