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AMERICAN AIRLINES TO DONATE AIR TRAVEL FOR NYPD OFFICERS DEPLOYED ABROAD IN INTERNATIONAL LIAISON PROGRAM

Resources Will Enhance NYPD's Counterterrorism Efforts in Targeted International Markets

The Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City today announced that for the fourth year, American Airlines will support the New York Police Department's International Liaison Program by donating roundtrip travel for the New York City police officers who are stationed in 11 international markets. The donation will be administered by the New York City Police Foundation, an independent, non-profit organization that supports the services of the NYPD by providing essential resources that are not otherwise readily available to the department.

Established in 2002 as an innovative approach to confront threats both at home and overseas, the International Liaison Program is a cornerstone of Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly's counterterrorism strategy. The program stations NYPD investigators at strategic locations around the world through funding provided by the New York City Police Foundation. These liaisons work with local law enforcement agencies to gather intelligence and incorporate information into counterterrorism operations that protect New York City. The New York City Police Foundation funds living and travel expenses for NYPD officers working in the overseas markets and the NYPD is responsible for the salaries of the officers in the program.

"American Airlines has been a great partner of the City—from supporting a summer jobs program for young New Yorkers to the International Liaison Program," said Megan Sheekey President of the Mayor's Fund. "We are grateful for its continued commitment to the efforts of the NYPD and other valuable public programs."

"American Airlines has a long history of sponsoring a wide variety of programs that provide for our brave men and women in uniform," said American Airlines Regional Manager Director of State and Community Affairs Patricia Ornst. "This year is no exception. We are proud to once again support the Police Foundation, the NYPD and the International Liaison Program – an important initiative to our community's well-being. Like so many, we truly appreciate their service to our great city."

"The New York City Police Foundation demonstrates how public-private partnerships can flourish and provide tremendous benefits to all of New York City's inhabitants," stated Susan Birnbaum, President & CEO of the New York City Police Foundation. "It is through the generosity of companies like American Airlines that we are able to support unique programs – like the International Liaison Program – to keep this City and those who protect it out of harm's way."

NYPD detectives stationed around the world through the International Liaison Program continue to provide vital information that affects the security protocol and responsiveness of New York City. Immediately following the 2008 Mumbai attacks, three senior NYPD officers deployed in the International Liaison Program worked with local officials in Mumbai to gather data and assess the attacks. Information attained through these efforts was instantly channeled to New York, and within days, a new strategy for New York City to handle simultaneous attacks had been developed and deployed. Today, the NYPD continues to conduct emergency response drills based on lessons learned from the Mumbai attacks.

The Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City serves as the umbrella non-profit 501(c)(3) organization for the City of New York. The Mayor's Fund works closely with City agencies and partnering organizations to support public programs serving New Yorkers in all five boroughs.

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The New York City Police Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization established in 1971 by business and civic leaders to support programs connected with the NYPD that cannot otherwise be readily funded. The Foundation sponsors programs such as Crime Stoppers, the International Liaison Program and 1-800-GUN-STOP in addition to sponsoring specialized counterterrorism training and stress and trauma counseling for police officers.

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