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#### **Arthur MacArthur United States Army Reserve Center to Transfer Deed to City of Springfield for Paul J. Fenton Safety Annex**

Springfield, MA- Today there will be a press conference / public announcement scheduled for 2:00 p.m. at 50 East Street detailing the deed transfer of the Arthur MacArthur United States Army Reserve Center (USARC) from and by the United States Army Corps of Engineers Real Estate Division to the City of Springfield for \$0 consideration. Language included in the quitclaim deed restricts into perpetuity the use of the property for anything other than approved law enforcement purposes. The City of Springfield / Police Department will be the sole occupant of the facility.

Congressman Richard E. Neal will be in attendance along with Mayor Domenic J. Sarno, Police Commissioner John Barbieri, and Springfield Police Department command staff. BRAC official Raymond W. Palma, Base Transition Coordinator, 99<sup>th</sup> Regional Support Command, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst will represent the Department of the Army.

The following four specialized service units within the police department will occupy the new facility: Training Academy with 5,160 square feet; Property Division with 6,480 square feet, Juvenile & Youth Services with 5,675 square feet, and Tactical Response Unity (TRU) with 850 square feet.

At this event, Mayor Sarno, Commissioner Barbieri, and Chair of Public Health and Safety, City Councilor Tom Ashe, will publicly reveal the planned renovations of the facility as well as reveal the chosen name as The Paul J. Fenton Public Safety Annex. A member of the Fenton family will also be in attendance.

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