

*The following statement was provided to the Gloucester Daily Times when questioned about the GPPA's reaction to Police Chief John Beaudette's appearance before the Budget and Finance Committee 2008 Police Budget Review on June 6, 2007.*

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The Gloucester Police Patrolman's Association (GPPA) is disappointed. As the City of Gloucester nears numerous employee layoffs, Police Chief John Beaudette continues to lack a clear focus on what his priorities should be to benefit the Police Department and help further reduce the fiscal crisis across the City. Taxpayer's monies continue to be funneled to a fiscally irresponsible Police Chief. Non mandatory training, certifications, out of state conferences and programs (ie RAD, Civilian Police Academy) should be taking a back seat and not increased as proposed by the Police Chief during these difficult times. The GPPA would be strongly opposed to anyone being laid off from any City Union while we still have irresponsible department heads managing money. As it stands now, the Police Chief will continue to buy his loyalty at taxpayer's expense through unlimited overtime and no show jobs for a select few. The GPPA believes' the B+F Committee was intentionally misled by the Police Chief.