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For immediate release:

**Event With Ceremony, Concert, and Food Trucks Set for
Friday, September 17, to Honor Detective Joseph P. Seals**

Bayonne Mayor Jimmy Davis announced that the City of Bayonne and the Tunnel to Towers Foundation will honor the late Detective Joseph P. Seals at a special event at DiDomenico-16th Street Park in Bayonne on Friday, September 17. The event will feature a ceremony, a concert, and food trucks. Detective Seals, a Jersey City police officer and a former Bayonne resident, was killed in the line of duty in Jersey City in 2019 after encountering two subjects who were linked to a homicide. Mayor Davis said, “I urge everyone to come out for this event to pay tribute to Detective Seals and to support the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, which paid his family’s mortgage following his death in 2019. Detective Seals gave his

life after eighteen years of outstanding service in law enforcement. Let us honor him as a community on September 17.”

In a ceremony at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 17, the access road that leads from the foot of West 16th Street to the lower level of the park will be renamed Detective Joseph P. Seals Way. An engraved granite bench set along the road will be dedicated to Detective Seals. That bench is situated past the DiDomenico City Pool, across from the basketball courts that are located on the way down to the lower level of the park.

At 6:00 p.m. a free concert will take place that will feature The Beginnings, a Chicago tribute band. The concert is set for the amphitheater stage on the lower level of the park where the Summer Sounds concert series takes place each summer.

T-shirts will be offered for sale to benefit the Tunnel to Towers Foundation. That foundation honors first responders, veterans, and their families for the sacrifice of firefighter Stephen Siller who died while trying to save lives at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. The Tunnel to Towers Foundation pays the mortgages of families of first responders who have died in the line of duty. The foundation also provides adaptive housing to disabled veterans and

mortgage-free homes to Gold Star families. Local sponsors have also made donations to support the event.

Food will be available for purchase from a variety of food trucks that will be present at the park.

Parking at the park will be very limited, due to the presence of the food trucks. Space for parking and a shuttle service will be available at the former A&P parking lot at 163 Avenue A, which is located between 7th Street and North Street. Shuttles from that parking lot to the park will start running at 4:30 p.m. The last return shuttle will leave 16th Street for the former A&P lot at 8:15 p.m.

DiDomenico-16th Street Park is located in Bayonne between Avenue A and Newark Bay. The entrance is at West 16th Street and Avenue A.