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***FORMER BOSTON POLICE COMMISSIONER PAUL EVANS
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EAST BOSTON, MA – Former Boston Police Commissioner Paul Evans has been named Executive Vice President, Security and Compliance at Suffolk Downs, effective immediately. Evans began working with the historic 77-year-old thoroughbred racetrack in 2009 as a consultant on security and public safety.

Evans will be responsible for comprehensive public safety planning, working with state and local law enforcement, security and compliance with legal and regulatory standards.

“Paul brings impeccable credentials, a substantial law enforcement background and a history of forging strong community involvement as we work to ensure that our proposal for a world-class gaming and entertainment facility meets the highest standards for public safety, security, compliance and integrity,” said Richard Fields, principal owner of Suffolk Downs.

Evans will begin meeting formally with local and state law enforcement officials as well as other public safety and emergency management officials in Boston, Revere and Suffolk Downs’ neighboring communities such as Winthrop and Chelsea to solicit local input as the track prepares its plans for the state licensing process. He recently concluded a review of the integrity, security and compliance policies of Caesars’ Entertainment, which Suffolk Downs has selected to manage its proposed gaming facility. Evans included in his review site visits to some of Caesars’ major gaming venues.

“Suffolk Downs’ ownership and management have shown an unwavering commitment as trusted community partners and I’m excited about taking on an expanded role in this area as Suffolk Downs explores the next phases of its business development,” said Evans.

While consulting to Suffolk Downs, Evans helped the track initiate a code of conduct for employees, vendors and patrons and established enhanced policies on responsible wagering. In 2011, Suffolk Downs received full accreditation from the National Thoroughbred Racing Association’s Safety and Integrity Alliance following a complete review of operations at the facility. The track earned ‘Best Practice’ ratings in security training, fire safety planning and procedures, and a number of wagering security procedures, including incident investigation protocols.

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After leaving his post at the Boston Police Department in 2003, the Government of the United Kingdom hired Evans as the Director of the Police and Crime Standards Directorate in London, where he formulated response and monitoring policies for 42 police agencies throughout England and Wales. Evans held this position until 2007 before returning to the U.S. and beginning an international consulting practice.

During Evans' service as Commissioner of the Boston Police, the city experienced a 31-year low in violent crime as he implemented innovative neighborhood programs and crime prevention policies that were widely emulated across the country. Surveys showed a 50 percent increase in feelings of safety among Boston residents during his tenure.

Evans began his career in law enforcement in 1970 as a patrol officer in the Boston Police Department. A Vietnam Marine Corps veteran, Evans is a graduate of Boston State College and Suffolk University Law School and a member of the Massachusetts Bar.

Active in the community, Evans has served on the Board of Directors of the YMCA of Greater Boston, Pine Street Inn, Boston Police Athletic League, and Police Executive Research Forum. He presently serves on the Board of Advisors of the Colonel Daniel Marr Boys & Girls Club.