

**AMERICAN AIRLINES TO PROVIDE AIR TRAVEL FOR OFFICERS DEPLOYED  
IN NYPD'S INTERNATIONAL LIAISON PROGRAM**

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***RESOURCES WILL ENHANCE NYPD'S COUNTERTERRORISM  
EFFORTS IN TARGETED INTERNATIONAL MARKETS***

**December 17, 2010, New York, NY** – The [Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City](#) today announced that for the third year, [American Airlines](#) will support the New York Police Department's International Liaison Program by donating roundtrip airfare for the New York City officers stationed in international markets. The donation will be administered by the [New York City Police Foundation](#), an independent, non-profit organization whose purpose is to enhance the services of the NYPD by providing essential resources that are not otherwise readily available to the department.

The International Liaison Program, a counterterrorism initiative created by Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly in 2002, assigns NYPD detectives to international cities where they work with local law enforcement agencies in sharing information relevant to New York City. The Police Foundation currently funds living and travel expenses for NYPD officers working in 11 cities. The NYPD is responsible for the salaries of the officers in the program.

“Public-private partnerships are crucial to provide the necessary resources for essential programs like the International Liaison Program,” said Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City President Megan Sheekey. “We are grateful for American Airlines' continued commitment to New York City and its support of the NYPD's efforts to keep our City safe.”

“Each and every day, New York's Finest – the brave men and women of the NYPD – put themselves in harm's way to protect and serve those who live and work in this great city,” said Art Torno, American Airlines Vice President – New York. “The International Liaison Program is vital to our well-being, and all of us at American Airlines are proud to once again support the outstanding work of this initiative, the Police Foundation and the NYPD.”

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.

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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.

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 be otherwise be readily funded. The Foundation sponsors programs such as the Crime Stoppers Hotline, 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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