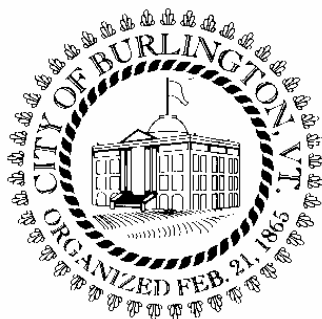


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MAYOR KISS TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE ON HAITI RELIEF EFFORTS

Mayor to be Joined by Community Members, Local Institutions and Businesses; Opportunity for Residents to Help Relief Efforts

Burlington, VT – January 14, 2010. Burlington Mayor Bob Kiss will hold a press conference tomorrow – Friday January 15 – at 10:30 am in Conference Room 12, City Hall, to outline City and community efforts to provide assistance for the devastating impacts of the earthquake in Haiti. Mayor Kiss will be joined by community members with connections to Haiti and the region, as well as local institutions and businesses.

The massive January 12 earthquake has devastated the lives of an estimated 3 million Haitians and resulted in a death toll in the tens of thousands. With emergency efforts underway, the need for medical care and food is especially acute. Several community members in the Burlington area with connections to Haiti are working on how Burlingtonians and Vermonters can most effectively help in the relief efforts. More information will be available at the time of the press conference.