



New Bedford Guardian Angels interview candidates ages 25 to 73

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NEW BEDFORD — Jerry Pinto says things are finally coming together for the Guardian Angels.

Weeks after launching a city chapter of the citizens anti-crime watchdog group, organizers Wednesday night interviewed eight potential members who could be the unit's public face by year's end, reports the Standard-Times.

The candidates, ranging in age from 25 to 73, faced questions from Pinto, the chapter leader, along with Henry Bousquet and Kenneth Resendes, who had spent the past month recruiting throughout the city. Retired New Bedford Police Capt. Richard Spirlet was on hand to assist the Angels with the screening.

No one was hired on the spot for the volunteer brigade. The candidates must first pass criminal background checks, which could take weeks to complete. If their records are clean, they will undergo safety training and should be patrolling the streets by the end of December, Pinto said.