



# Haverhill

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## **Mayor Praises Haverhill Entrepreneur who Received National Recognition**

Mayor James J. Fiorentini is proud of a local entrepreneur who has invented a unique device. Francisco Aguilar, a Haverhill entrepreneur that recently was highlighted in Businessweek for his invention of his Bounce Imaging Explorer. The device is a palm-sized rubber ball embedded with six mini cameras and sensors that police officers can throw into a dangerous area to instantly receive information. The device will transmit audio, panoramic photos and environmental data to officer's smartphones so they can make an initial assessment prior to getting in harm's way.

Aguilar founded his company Bounce Imaging while working towards his MBA at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a master's in public policy from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. At MIT, Aguilar met co-founder David Young. Young had served in the U.S. Army and spent time in Afghanistan searching for improvised explosive devices. Aguilar and Young won \$60,000 in entrepreneurship competitions and they were then able to improve their prototype, adding a microphone and other features for a variety of first responders.

Mayor Fiorentini stated:

“Many visionaries have come from Haverhill, Francisco's invention adds him to the list.

“I am confident that Bounce Imaging will continue to invent innovative products and they will happen here in Haverhill.”