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# 300-plus attend Gary Rome Hyundai grand opening in Holyoke



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**HOLYOKE** -- The grand opening of the Gary Rome Hyundai dealership on Whiting Farms Road tonight drew hundreds of local and state officials to event that included live music and food stations to a 19-acre site that officially opened Aug. 29.

"It's been a really great turnout," Rome said. "We've had over 300 people."

The \$10 million facility employs nearly 80 people, including nine recently hired, he said.

Rome said that after the months of government hearings and permit-seeking from city boards, he wanted to hold the grand opening of the dealership to note the success of the business, which he said has increased at the new site.

"We're so excited with the result that I wanted to share the experience," Rome said.

A Gary Rome Hyundai dealership also operates here on Main Street.

Among those attending the grand opening were Holyoke Mayor Alex B. Morse, City Clerk Brenna Murphy McGee, City Council President Kevin A. Jourdain, Holyoke councilors such as David K. Bartley, Jossie M. Valentin, Todd A. McGee, Rebecca Lisi, Joseph M. McGiverin and Linda L. Vacon, state Sen. Donald R. Humason, R-Westfield, state Rep. Aaron M. Vega, D-Holyoke, state Rep. Angelo J. Puppolo Jr., D-Springfield, state Sen. Eric Lesser and Holyoke School Committee members William R. Collamore and Erin Brunelle.

The dealership includes a state motor vehicle inspection station, employee-drive golf carts to show customers the vehicle stock, on-site car wash and a pledge from Rome that phones will be answered by people and not machines.

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