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Assistant Chief of Police Named
Lieutenant Charles Brown Appointed to Fill Position

Akron, Ohio (January 8, 2013) - Akron Mayor Don Plusquellic today announced that veteran Akron Police Lieutenant Charles Brown will become an Assistant to the Mayor, Assistant Chief of Police, effective Sunday, January 13.

Brown will report directly to Chief Nice and he will provide additional police leadership to the Chief in the supervision and direction of all police functions, administrative investigations and personnel issues, the allocation of departmental resources, and communication with the media, the public and employees. He will also represent the Police Chief, the Mayor and the City of Akron at various public events and meetings.

“Charles has been with the department for 27 years, he is a proven leader in the department, and well-respected by our citizens,” said Police Chief Jim Nice. “I am excited about moving our department forward with the addition of Charles as Assistant Chief of Police.”

For the past 12 years, Lieutenant Brown has served the citizens of Akron as the Commander for Police Community Relations, COPS, and Gang Unit in the Akron Police Department. Prior to that, Brown was a Sergeant in Internal Affairs, the Street Drug Enforcement Detail, a Detective in the Community Relations Bureau and the Narcotics Unit, and a Patrol Officer and SWAT Team Member. Brown began his career as an Akron police officer in 1986 after graduating from the University of Akron, with a degree in Criminal Justice Technology.

“As we look to expand and advance our community policing methods, I cannot think of anybody better to help lead our police force,” said Mayor Plusquellic. “Charles has made it his mission to improve relations with our citizens and he’s helped bring nationally recognized Community Oriented Policing (COPS) methods to our police department. I know he will continue to bring positive change to our department in his new role.”

Brown has graduated from numerous highly regarded law enforcement programs, including his recent completion of a six month assignment in the FBI Police Executive Fellowship Program, where he was assigned to FBI Headquarters in the Safe Streets/Gang Unit. Brown is also a graduate from the Police Executive Leadership College, the FBI National Academy, and the Leadership Akron Program.

Brown is also involved in many community activities, including serving on the CSB Community Action Committee Board. He has also served as a Board Member for the Big Brother-Big Sister Program and a volunteer for the Hispanic Outreach Program, the Akron Reads Program, and the Save A Life Coalition.

“I am honored to be selected for this position and I am excited to serve the citizens of Akron in this new capacity,” said Lieutenant Brown. “This is a great opportunity for me to work closely with our dedicated officers and to use the training and skills that I have developed over the past 27 years to help to make our department more efficient and effective.”

In 2011, the nationally recognized Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) recommended the City go outside to find a person to help the Police Chief lead the department. After much consideration and discussion, both Mayor Plusquellic and Chief Nice believed that the person best to fill this position was already a member of the City’s police department. The PERF report also recommended establishing COPS as the guiding philosophy by which police services are delivered.

Officially, this is an unclassified appointed position intended to increase the Police Department’s effectiveness, efficiency and customer service. Brown will not report to the Mayor, and he will not be a member of the Mayor’s cabinet. Brown’s annual salary will be \$104,353.60 consistent with the salaries of other Assistants to the Mayor.

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