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LAKE ORION APPOINTS ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE

Stanfield Returns to Police Lieutenant Position

LAKE ORION, MICHIGAN, March 18, 2024--- Acting on a request by Police Chief Stanfield to return to his former position of Police Lieutenant during its regular meeting held on March 11, 2024, the Village Council approved the request effective March 12. At the same meeting, the Village Council approved Village Manager Darwin McClary's appointment of Thomas Lindberg as Acting Chief of Police. Chief Lindberg officially started work on March 18, 2024, and will serve in the role until a permanent police chief is hired.

Lindberg is a dedicated public safety professional with almost forty years of experience in law enforcement. He served for twenty-six years with the City of Novi Police Department, starting as a uniform patrol officer and gradually working his way through the ranks of detective, sergeant, lieutenant, and deputy chief of police. He joined the Milford Village/Township Police Department in 2012 as Chief of Police, a position he held with distinction until his retirement in 2022. He possesses a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from Michigan State University and a Master of Science degree in Management from Walsh College. In addition, he attended the FBI National Academy, School of Police Staff and Command at Northwestern University, and

Firefighter I and Firefighter II training through the State of Michigan. Lindberg comes to Lake Orion with outstanding recommendations from Milford and Novi.

As Acting Chief of Police, Lindberg will be responsible for managing all administrative operations and supervision of personnel of the police department and coordinating the excellent road patrol services being temporarily provided by the Oakland County Sheriff's Office. Lindberg will also assist the Village Manager with patrol officer and police chief recruitment efforts. He will not perform road patrol duties.

"We are so excited to have Chief Lindberg join our management team during this critical transition period in our police department," says Village Manager McClary. "We are proud to have the opportunity to utilize his incredible talent and expertise as we seek to create a long-term vision and organizational plan for the department." Lindberg expressed his enthusiasm for his new role. "I am truly honored that the Village of Lake Orion has the confidence and trust in me to lead this police department as we move forward together. There are some challenges ahead, like all departments face, but the mission will be to maintain the high quality of life for all residents, businesses, and guests of the Lake Orion community."

Chief Lindberg will spend the first few days on the job becoming familiar with department operations, village organization, and Lake Orion community. Ensuring the continuation of efficient, effective, and community-oriented law enforcement operations and addressing staffing needs to fill key positions with exceptional people are top priorities for the Acting Chief.

About the Village of Lake Orion

The Village of Lake Orion is a proud, historic lake community of 2,876 residents and vibrant, bustling businesses located six miles north of Auburn Hills in beautiful northeast Oakland county, Michigan. Lake Orion is a home rule village operating under the council-manager form of government. The village is strategically located within the Detroit metropolitan area with convenient access to the I-75, I-69, and M-59 corridors. The Village Manager is the chief administrative officer appointed by the village council and responsible for the efficient and effective operations of all departments of the village government. Village Manager Darwin McClary has more than 30 years of municipal management experience. He joined the community's management team on November 28, 2022, and previously served as Lake Orion's Village Manager from 2013 to 2017.

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