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Ream tapped to fill Safety Director post *32-year veteran will oversee police, fire, and other safety services*

CANTON, Ohio – Mayor William Healy announced Wednesday that he has selected a 32-year veteran of the Canton Police Department to serve as Director of Public Safety. Deputy Police Chief Thomas Ream will assume his new job responsibilities on August 4.

“We are thrilled to have Deputy Chief Ream join our team as Safety Director,” Mayor Healy said. “I can think of no better person for the job. He has what it takes to get things done and brings a wealth of experience with him to the position. I look forward to working with him in the very near future.”

Ream joins the administration following the departure of Thomas Nesbitt, who officially resigned his position in June. A career law enforcement officer and long-time police commander, Healy said Ream brings a level of local knowledge and experience that will allow the City to take the next step in addressing crime issues.

“Canton has come a long way in a short amount of time,” Healy said, referring to last year’s large decline in major crime, “but we have much more work ahead of us.”

Ream concurred with the Mayor’s view. “I am honored to have been chosen for this important task, and I will strive to exceed the high expectations set for me by the Mayor and all Canton residents,” Ream said. “We still have much to do to lower crime and improve neighborhood safety, but we are starting to see a light at the end of the tunnel. By working together, I believe we can make great progress in the coming years.”

Ream, 55, has served as Deputy Chief of Police since September 2008. Prior to this appointment, he served as a Captain for 15 years in a number of different capacities. A graduate of several law enforcement academies and special training programs, Ream has participated in several courses at the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA, at Northwestern University in Chicago, IL, and at the Southern Police Institute of the University of Kentucky in Columbus, OH.

In addition to his duties as a police commander, Ream has also served as an instructor for several Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy courses at Stark State College and Walsh University.

Healy said that experience was just one of several reasons he chose Ream for the position, pointing to Ream’s positive relationships with union leaders, safety commanders, and rank-and-file safety officers as another large factor.

Healy also highlighted Ream’s team-based leadership philosophy as a “good fit” with the rest of his Cabinet members and department heads, and said that this will allow his administration to more effectively serve city residents in the future.

“Tom Ream has already proven himself to be concerned with one issue – the safety of our streets and our neighborhoods,” Healy said. “I am confident that this relationship will be a long and productive one, and look forward to sharing ideas and strategies for improving the lives of Canton residents.”

Ream will assume his new position following a period in which the outgoing Safety Director will transition him through a number of projects and initiatives currently in place.

In the course of his duties as Safety Director, Ream will oversee the Police, Fire, and some portions of the Building/Code Enforcement and Traffic Engineering Departments. His starting salary will be \$70,000.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Photo – Deputy Chief Thomas Ream

Resume – Deputy Chief Thomas Ream

Deputy Chief Thomas E. Ream

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LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPERIENCE

Canton Police Department, Canton, Ohio.

Present Rank: Deputy Chief, attained September 2008.

Operations Commander – 2008 to present. Command responsibilities over departmental patrol division, investigative division and training division.

Rank: Captain, attained July 1993.

Investigative Commander – 2008. Command responsibilities over all departmental criminal investigations.

Administrative Commander – 2004 to 2008. Command responsibilities over departmental budgeting, planning, communications, technology and records.

Investigative Commander – 2003 to 2004. Command responsibilities over all departmental criminal investigations.

Patrol Division Commander – 1999 to 2003. Administration and command responsibilities.

Training Commander – 1994 to 1999. Administration of all departmental training and certification. Recruitment, hiring and orientation of probationary police officers. Departmental Commander, Pro Football Hall of Fame special events security.

Internal Affairs Commander – 1994 to 1995. Internal personnel investigations (administrative and criminal).

Patrol Division Commander – 1993 to 1994. Administration and command responsibilities.

Rank: Lieutenant, attained December 1988.

Patrol Division Commander/Supervisor – 1988 to 1993. Administration and patrol officer supervision. Assistant Departmental Commander, Pro Football Hall of Fame special events security.

SWAT Team Leader – 1988 to 1990. Planning and execution of tactical operations.

Rank: Sergeant, attained June 1985.

Criminal Intelligence Investigator – 1986 to 1988. Multi-agency task force for the investigation of organized criminal activity in Stark County.

SWAT Team Leader – 1986 to 1987. Planning and execution of tactical operations.

Detective Bureau Investigator – 1985. Investigation of felony person and property crimes.

Rank: Patrol Officer, appointed January 1977.

Stark County Metropolitan Narcotics Unit Special Investigator – 1982 to 1985. Undercover narcotics investigations.

Vice Unit Investigator – 1981. Enforcement of vice related laws.

Traffic Bureau Accident Investigator – 1979 to 1980. Accident investigations and traffic enforcement.

Patrol Division Officer – 1977 to 1978. General patrol duties.

Stark State College, Canton, Ohio.

Law Enforcement Special Course Instructor – 2004 to 2005.

OPOTA Basic Academy Instructor/Commander – 1997 to 2000.

Walsh University, North Canton, Ohio.

OPOTA Basic Academy Instructor/Commander – 1995 to 1996.

POLICE CERTIFICATIONS

Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA)

Basic Academy Training Instructor, Basic Academy Commander Certification

Ohio Peace Officer Certification

EDUCATION

FBI National Academy, Quantico, VA.

187th Session – 1996.

Northwestern University - Traffic Institute, Chicago, IL.

Special Events Planning – 1995.

Southern Police Institute – University of Kentucky, Columbus, OH.

1st Command Officers Development Course – 1989.

Kent State University, Stark Campus, Canton, OH.

Undergraduate business coursework – 1974 to 1975.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) – 1993 to present.

FBI National Academy Associates (FBINAA) – 1996 to present.

American Society of Law Enforcement Trainers (ASLET) – 1995 to 2006.

Middle Atlantic/Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network (MAGLOGLEN) – 1986 to 1988.

Narcotics Association of Regional Coordinating Officers of Ohio (NARCO) – 1982 to 1985.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Canton Montessori School

Parent Volunteer – 2001 to 2007.

Canton Area YMCA Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Advisory Board – member, 1992 to 1996.

Big Brother – 1993 to 1996.