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Mayor Robert G. Ortt Announces City Police Chief Randy D. Szukala to Retire

NORTH TONAWANDA—City of North Tonawanda Mayor Robert G. Ortt is announcing that Police Chief Randy D. Szukala will be retiring from the City as of Thursday, March 28th.

Szukala has served the City of North Tonawanda for the past 25 years, with the last 9 years as Chief of the department. Szukala was the youngest Police Chief hired and he has overseen many changes to the department during his tenure. Some highlights include: the creation of a regional S.W.A.T. team between the City of North Tonawanda and Tonawanda; working to make NTPD an enhanced Regional Training Center for New York State, overseeing the transfer of the 911 dispatching duties to Niagara County, saving NT taxpayers \$1.7 million; and achieving a more successful crime closure rate.

Mayor Ortt stated, "Chief Szukala has served the City of North Tonawanda with distinction and honor for the past 25 years. In 9 years as Chief, he has overseen significant changes to the police department, many of which have increased public safety, while saving taxpayer dollars and bringing the department into the 21st century."

"On behalf of all of our residents, I want to thank him for his service and wish him well as he pursues other challenges and opportunities."

"I recently completed my Master's Degree, and I am looking forward to the opportunities with teaching in the private sector", stated Szukala. "It was a good run, and I enjoyed my tenure with the City."

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