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## **Mayor Pappas Announces New North Tonawanda Chief of Police**

NORTH TONAWANDA—City of North Tonawanda Mayor Arthur G. Pappas has announced his selection for the position of Police Chief. Roger Zgolak, Captain of the Police Department since 2002, has been officially sworn in as the new Chief of Police as of Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Zgolak was chosen out of an interviewing process which included two other highly qualified candidates. "While it's unfortunate we are losing a great Police Officer to retirement with Chief Hall, I'm very confident in our incoming Chief just the same," said Mayor Pappas. "Our new Chief has displayed exemplary service to our community and has an impeccable record as well. It was a tough decision, but I feel it's the right one at this time."

Chief Zgolak has been with the North Tonawanda Police Department since August 23, 1985. Soon after his hiring, he attended and subsequently graduated from the Erie County Central Police Services Law Enforcement Training Academy. In time, Roger was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in 1998 and worked as the Officer in Charge for the afternoon shift. Four years later, in 2002, Roger attained the rank of Captain and was assigned as the Captain of the Patrol Division.

Additional police related duties performed by Chief Zgolak include: serving the department as a state certified Accident Investigator, as a Field Training Officer and a General Topics Instructor. Chief Zgolak is currently the Chief of the North Tonawanda Auxiliary Police as well.

"I'm honored to have been given this vote of confidence from Mayor Pappas and the Common Council," said Chief Zgolak. "I look forward to working with the Mayor and the Common Council for the good of the City, as well as the betterment of the Department."

Chief Zgolak currently resides in North Tonawanda with his wife and daughter.

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