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### **Village Board Recognizes Public Safety Personnel; Swears-In New Police Officers**

**Hinsdale, Ill.** – At the July 12 Village Board meeting, Village Trustees recognized three Fire Department Officer anniversaries, and also swore in two Deputy Police Chiefs and two new police officers.

President Cauley recognized Fire Chief Rick Ronovsky and Fire Captain Dave DeWolf who both celebrated their 30-year anniversaries in July. Chief Ronovsky has completed numerous certifications through the State Fire Marshal's Office including Basic and Advanced Firefighter, Fire Service Instructor, Fire Inspector, Fire Investigator, EMT & Paramedic Instructor, and Fire Officer. He is currently on the Illinois EMS Region 8 Advisory Board, the Triton College Fire & EMS Advisory Board, MABAS 10 Incident Management Team, and DuComm Executive Board. Rick was promoted to Lieutenant in 2003, Captain in 2008 and was appointed Fire Chief in 2012.

Fire Captain DeWolf has completed numerous certifications through the State Fire Marshal's Office including Basic and Advanced Firefighter, Fire Service Instructor, Fire Officer, and Fire/Arson Investigator. He was certified as a Fire/Arson Investigator in 1997 and joined the MABAS 10 Fire Investigation Team. In 1999, Dave was one of the founding investigators of the DuPage County Fire Investigation Task Force. Today, he serves as one of the Commanders of this unit. Dave was promoted to Lieutenant in 2003 and Captain in 2012.

President Tom Cauley also recognized Fire Captain John Giannelli who celebrated his 25-year anniversary with the Hinsdale Fire Department in May. John has completed numerous certifications through the State Fire Marshal's Office including Basic and Advanced Firefighter, Fire Service Instructor and Fire Officer. He recently completed the certification process as a Chief Fire Officer. John was promoted to Lieutenant in 2006 and Captain in 2012. He currently is a shift commander and is the department's Training Officer.

President Cauley also swore in two Deputy Chiefs, Thomas Yehl and Erik Bernholdt. Thomas is a 27-year veteran of the Hinsdale Police Department. During his time in Hinsdale, Tom has held many positions including Property and Evidence Manager, DuPage County Fire Investigation Task Force Investigator, F.I.A.T. Major Crimes Investigator, and field training officer. More recently, Tom has been assigned to the Investigations Division where he has overseen that unit. Prior to that assignment, he was a patrol sergeant. Tom also serves as a Firearms Instructor,

Breath test Operator and Use of Force Instructor. He completed the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety's School of Staff and Command in 2015.

Erik is a 26-year veteran of the Hinsdale Police Department. During his early career Erik worked as an Evidence Technician, D.A.R.E. Officer, Youth Officer, Detective, Field Training Officer, and Felony Investigative Assistance Team (FIAT) Investigator. Erik was promoted in Sergeant in 2004, and during that time has worked both as a Patrol Sergeant and Detective Sergeant. Erik has implemented the DuPage NARCAN program and was a Crisis Negotiator for the FIAT SWAT team. Erik served as the Commander of the FIAT Major Case Unit. Erik is a current member of the DuPage Incident Management Action Team (IMAT). Erik graduated from Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command in 2009.

Finally, President Cauley swore in two new police officers, Carter Sward and Jesse Kidd. Carter and Jesse recently graduated from the Police Training Institute in Champaign. Carter Sward attended college at Illinois State University where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice Sciences in May of 2015. Before becoming a Police Officer, Carter was a Parking Enforcement Officer and an Intern with the Hinsdale Police Department. Jesse Kidd graduated from Illinois State University in 2012 with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. Before becoming a police officer, Jesse worked in purchasing for a corporation.

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