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**CITY TAPS TOP COP AS NEW INTERIM CHIEF**

*Highly Awarded Deputy Chief Takes Helm of City's Police Department*

OLMSTED FALLS, OH – William Traine took the helm of the Olmsted Falls Police Department today after being voted in by city council as the Interim Chief of Police during a special Council Session. The appointment is the latest in the new Chief's nearly 40-year long career, which includes more than 22 years of supervisory experience and eight awards for exemplary service.

"Safety comes first and we are proud to bring fresh, new leadership to the department," explained Mayor Ann Marie Donegan. "Our community deserves excellence in all that we do. Chief Traine has already made major improvements to the Department and we look forward to making even greater improvements in the years to come."

Chief Traine takes the over the department after serving as Deputy Chief for three months. In his short time as Deputy Chief, the city has seen a significant increase in police operations. Prior to assuming the position with the Department, the Chief served on the Blue Ribbon Committee to evaluate every aspect of police operations and make recommendations for improvements. Traine's expansive career also includes work with the U.S. Marshall's office and the Cuyahoga County Sherriff. As Cleveland Police District Commander, Traine was in-charge of 160 police officers. The interim Chief also holds a Level 2 Homeland Security Clearance and has extensive experience in every aspect of police work from crime scene investigations and forensics, to arson, theft and sex crimes.

Speaking about his appointment the interim Chief Traine said, "Olmsted Falls has been my home for over 20 years. The people of this community are my neighbors and friends and their safety couldn't be more important to me. I am honored that Council and the Mayor have asked me to serve."

During the appointment, Council President Jay Linn praised the new interim Chief, "We are proud to have such and experienced professional who cares so much for the future of our City now running one of our most important departments."

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