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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Buffalo Grove Police Commander Retires After 43 Years of Service**

**Buffalo Grove, IL.** – The Buffalo Grove Police Department announces the retirement of Police Commander Jim Newton, after more than 43 years of dedicated service to the Department and to the Village.

Commander Newton's last day of service will be January 2, 2020. He was originally hired in July of 1976 as a part-time Desk Officer, and two weeks later was given the position of a full-time Community Service Officer. In August of 1979 he was hired as a sworn Police Officer. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 1996, and then to Commander in 2003.

He has served in numerous capacities during his career, including with the NIPAS (Northern Illinois Police Alarm System) Emergency Services Team, as a Field Operations Support Group Commander and as a Patrol Commander. His most recent role was as the Staff Support Commander.

During his 4+ decades of honorable service, he received numerous awards and commendations. These include several Honorable Mentions, Unit Citations, Employee of the Quarter, Life Saving Award, Cook County Award of Merit three times, Northwestern University Executive Leadership Award, Lake County 100 Club Officer of the Year, and was the 1992 and 1998 Buffalo Grove Police Officer of the Year.

Commander Newton served on a variety of task forces and has been extremely involved in numerous fundraising efforts for Special Olympics Illinois throughout his career.

"I am proud to have worked with Jim since I became Chief of this outstanding Department nearly seven years ago," said Police Chief Steven Casstevens. "In these challenging times for law enforcement across the country, Jim Newton's tenure of over 43 years is a testimony to his commitment to professional policing, to the men and women of the Police Department, and especially to the members of this community. He will be missed, but his career will serve as an example to all who remain in the service of Buffalo Grove."

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