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Retirements and Promotions at Kettering Police Department

Kettering- The Kettering Police Department extends congratulations to several officers. Some will be retiring and others will be promoted to fill those vacant positions.

Captain Dave Woolf will be retiring after serving the department and community for 42 years. A life long resident of Kettering, Captain Woolf started as a police cadet in 1968. He has witnessed many technological changes in law enforcement over that period and added that he has had the pleasure to work for all three police chiefs in the city's history. He added that he never expected to achieve the rank of Captain or Assistant Chief and simply wanted to always be a good police officer and to be recognized by his peers as a good officer.

"It was a pleasure to work for the citizens of Kettering and to provide a police presence for them. I appreciate all the support personally and professionally that I have received from the citizens. I worked with tremendous people and believe that being a police officer is the greatest job a person can have. I always enjoyed coming to work," said Woolf. After looking at a duty roster of officers from 1969, Woolf commented that sadly over 18 of the people on the list have died. He added that so many of them had a profound effect on him and that over the 42 years he has appreciated the department hiring good capable officers. Dave Woolf looks forward to spending more time with his grandchildren and taking up fishing again during retirement.

Lt. Jim Knickle will be retiring after serving the community since 1970. Sgt. Dave Senkowski will also be retiring after serving since 1973.

Ptl. Mike Pittman served the department as a patrol officer and detective and will also be retiring. He commented that he remembers always wanting to be a Kettering Police Officer. After working for Dayton and Miamisburg Police Departments, he was sworn in as a Kettering officer in 1989.

Lt. Tom McEwan has been promoted to Captain or Assistant Chief. He has been with the department since 1983. Sgt. T.R. Smart and Sgt. Dan Gangwer will be promoted to Lieutenant. Patrol Officers Larry Warren, Jeff Perkins and Scott Drerup will be promoted to Sergeant.

A swearing in ceremony will take place at 9:00 a.m. on December 15 at Polen Farm, 5099 Bigger Rd. The Kettering Police Department wishes all the best to the retirees and the recently promoted officers.

Local media are invited to attend the swearing in ceremony of the promoted officers.

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