



VILLAGE OF LOMBARD

PROCLAMATION: MARCH 1, 2023



RETIREMENT OF POLICE CHIEF ROY NEWTON

WHEREAS, Roy Newton was born and raised in Lombard being the youngest of eight sons of the late Bernard and Dorothy Newton, attending Sacred Heart School and Glenbard East High School; and
WHEREAS, Roy went on to receive his Associate's Degree at the College of DuPage and his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Benedictine University in Lisle; and

WHEREAS, Roy always had a passion and desire to be a Police Officer and he started by becoming a Police Explorer Cadet in 1983 before being hired as a Community Service Officer on August 18, 1986; and

WHEREAS, Roy's dream came true when he was sworn in as a Lombard Police Officer on February 27, 1995; and

WHEREAS, Roy's dedication and commitment to law enforcement continued as he rose through the ranks, being promoted to Sergeant November 13, 2001; Lieutenant June 9, 2009; and Deputy Chief August 14, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Roy was sworn in as the Lombard Police Department's 16th Chief of Police on July 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Roy provided the leadership and team-building skills necessary to create a safe community for Lombard residents and the drive and commitment to ensure all members of the department received training and the most up-to-date equipment and technology necessary to perform their day-to-day duties and responsibilities of their jobs; and

WHEREAS, Roy's strong character and ethical values are reflected in the success of the Lombard Police Department, including its ongoing CALEA certification, a recognition that exemplifies the highest police standards and sets Lombard apart as 1 of 41 departments out of 770 in the United States to be accredited with less than 2% of agencies in the United States receiving the "excellence" award which the Lombard Police Department received in 2022; and

WHEREAS, during Roy's time as Chief, he has hired twenty-six Police Officers, promoted thirteen supervisors and overseen eighty-seven employees; and

WHEREAS, Roy's professional conduct and devotion to law enforcement have been made evident through his nearly 40 years of public service, and Roy will retire from his long-standing career on the Lombard Police Department on March 1, 2023, spanning almost four decades, trading in his squad car and patrolling the streets of the community for a golf cart checking out all of the golf courses with many years of golfing in the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, Roy will not only be remembered for this dedication and passion in law enforcement, but for his kind and gentle demeanor, his humor and wit, his smile and his "laugh", a laugh that echoes in any room he enters;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Keith Giagnorio, President of the Village of Lombard, extend our heartfelt congratulations to Roy Newton on his excellent career in Law Enforcement and the legacy he will leave behind. The Village Board thanks Roy for his steadfast commitment to keeping Lombard a safe and secure community in his career that spans nearly four decades and to an unwavering dedication to the residents, the community, the Lombard Police Department, and the Village of Lombard.

Keith T. Giagnorio
Lombard Village President