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City of Kentwood Promotes Captain Bryan Litwin to Deputy Police Chief

Kentwood, Michigan – The City of Kentwood has promoted Capt. Bryan Litwin to deputy police chief of the Kentwood Police Department.

Previously serving as captain of the Professional Standards Division, Litwin succeeds Richard Roberts, who was appointed to the role of police chief in November.

As deputy chief, Litwin is responsible for assisting with the planning, coordination and management of the City's police, code enforcement and traffic engineering functions and staff.

"The leadership, communication and strategic planning skills Bryan has demonstrated during his more than 20 years of experience in law enforcement with the Kentwood Police Department made him the perfect candidate for this position," Chief Roberts said. "He has proven to be an invaluable asset to the department's success, demonstrating his clear dedication to the department, profession and service to our residents."

"I have complete confidence Bryan will continue to demonstrate outstanding leadership in his new role."

Litwin began service to the City of Kentwood as a patrol officer in 1999. Litwin has also served as a field training officer, community services officer, staff services bureau officer, special response team member and team commander. He has been a member of the training committee and now serves as its chair.

He was promoted to sergeant in 2012 and then to captain in 2016, where he has overseen the Professional Standards Division and served as the public information officer. Also in that role, Litwin oversaw the police cadet program to recruit and develop future police officers.

This past summer, Litwin helped to implement the City's first Youth Police Academy, which gave high school students and recent high school graduates hands-on experience in a variety of police-related tasks.

During his tenure with the City of Kentwood, Litwin has also taught ethics in law enforcement to police academy recruits at Grand Valley State University and developed GVSU's Police Academy Subject Control program. The program includes instruction on safe subject-control tactics, use-of-force constitutional amendments and federal and state case law.

With a commitment to professional development, Litwin has completed numerous trainings, including: Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command, International Association of Chiefs of Police Leadership in Police Organizations, Michigan Association of Chief of Police Executives Training, Public Agency Training Council's class on internal affairs, DeWolf & Associates' Public Information Officer program, West Michigan Tactical Officers Association's SWAT Leader and Commander seminar, Grand Rapids Police Department Leadership Institute and Force Science Institute.

Litwin sits on the board of the West Michigan Criminal Justice Training Consortium and serves as vice chairman for the GVSU Police Academy Advisory Board. Litwin has also served as president of the West Michigan Tactical Officers Association.

Litwin attended Grand Valley State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice.

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