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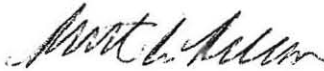
Dear Residents:

I want to update you on what's been happening in the Village's police department. Arnie Stanko has retired from the Village after nearly fifteen years of dedicated service. Arnie took a police department that was capable of performing "community policing," maintained the community orientation, and added a level of training and professionalism which puts our officers on a par with any modern police department in the state or nation. I wish to publicly thank Arnie for his years with the Village and his accomplishments.

One of the many accomplishments that Arnie has to his credit is the development of his successor, Keith DeWitt. Under Arnie's direction, Keith attended and graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy. This is the premier training program in the country for local police departments, and the credential of "FBI NA" (which was also held by Arnie) is practically a necessity for promotion to the office of "police chief." Arnie was also instrumental in Keith becoming a Lieutenant, and exercising the concomitant responsibilities of that position.

I am pleased to say that Keith DeWitt is now the acting chief, today, and I will ask Council, at its February meeting, to confirm his appointment as chief for a probationary period of six months. Assuming the success of his probationary period, Keith will then be fully vested in the position of chief.

I am certain that Chief DeWitt will continue to move the Police Department in the right direction, and that the Village can continue to expect the high level of service and protection that our well trained department provides.



Robert Ranallo
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