



## **Guelph Police Services Board announces appointment of Chief of Police**

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**Guelph, ON** – The Guelph Police Services Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Deputy Chief of Neighbourhood Services Bryan Larkin to the rank of Chief of Police for the Guelph Police Service effective April 1, 2012. Deputy Chief Larkin will take over the position from Chief Rob Davis who is retiring after serving the citizens of Guelph for over 40 years.

Deputy Chief Larkin commenced his policing career as a Police Cadet with the Waterloo Regional Police Service (WRPS) in 1991. During his tenure with the WRPS he held a number of progressively responsible positions including leadership responsibilities in Community and Corporate Services, Investigative Services, Executive Officer to the Chief of Police and Superintendent of Central Division (Kitchener).

Bryan was appointed by the Guelph Police Services Board as the Deputy Chief of Neighbourhood Services, Guelph Police Service on April 1, 2011. He is currently responsible for providing senior leadership to the operational divisions of the Guelph Police Service including front-line response, investigative services, traffic, tactical and canine services. He is recognized as being an energetic and proactive leader, with an ability to promote community-based and intelligence led policing models.

“Since his appointment as the Deputy Chief, Bryan has demonstrated a strong work ethic that includes extensive leadership experience, knowledge of the policing environment and a passion to make a difference in the community. He is committed to excellence and we are confident that he will continue to advance the long-term vision of the Board to ensure Guelph remains one of the safest communities in Canada” said Judy Sorbara, Chair of the Police Services Board.

Deputy Chief Larkin is a strong believer in volunteerism. He is the Chair of the Board of Directors for the Stonehenge Therapeutic Community, a member of the Sustainable Neighbourhood Engagement Framework committee, a member of the Board Development committee of the Guelph Multicultural Festival and an avid volunteer with the Coast-to-Coast Cancer Foundation.

“Bryan is committed to building relationships and has worked diligently to connect with the many stakeholders and partners of the Police Service with the goal of strengthening our city. I am confident that he will lead the Guelph Police Service with integrity and courage, with a focus on community development” said Chief Rob Davis.

Bryan is an active member of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP), serving as the OACP ambassador on the provincial Amber Alert and Joint Health and Safety committees. He also serves on the Advisory Council of the Ontario Women Law Enforcement network.

Bryan is a graduate of the University of Guelph and resides in Guelph with his wife, Marnie. They are the proud parents of a son, Brad.

The Police Services Board has been actively engaged in succession planning to ensure the highest quality of executive command for the Guelph Police Service.

The Guelph Police Service is the 15<sup>th</sup> largest municipal police service in Ontario with 288 members with a net operating budget of \$30 million. The Service is responsible for the delivery of policing services to the more than 130 000 citizens of the City of Guelph and is built on the values of Pride, Service and Trust.

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