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### Mayor Cahill elevates Peter Mangarella to Police Director

Mayor Jim Cahill has appointed Deputy Police Peter Mangarella to Police Director, replacing retiring Director Anthony Caputo.

“Throughout his career, Pete Mangarella has proven himself and will provide our police with the effective, efficient and responsive leadership. He has helped build our force into one of the top law enforcement teams in New Jersey,” said Mayor Cahill.

Director Mangarella was hired in 1985 and worked in the Patrol Division until 1989 when he was assigned to the Border Anti-Drug Team, a joint task force headed by the Middlesex and Somerset counties Prosecutor Offices that targeted drug trafficking along the Route 27 corridor. In 1992, he was assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division-Major Crimes Unit where he investigated several high-profile crimes until 1999 when he was assigned to the Internal Affairs Division. In 2004, Director Mangarella was made the Commander of the Criminal Investigations Unit where he served until becoming Deputy Director in 2008. He has received 10 departmental citations and a lifesaving award for saving a 3-month old girl in cardiac arrest in 1995.

“I have dedicated my life to serving the people of New Brunswick and protecting this City from crime. I am excited to lead this great department and continue to build upon its many achievements,” said Deputy Director Mangarella.

Caputo and Mangarella have worked to streamline the department’s operations to control costs while seeking new revenue streams to underwrite operations. Their reforms have reduced overtime by 46 percent from 2007 and 2009 while securing over \$780,000 in grants over the past two years.

New Brunswick Police Department has increased its training and acquisition of advanced weaponry, increasing its readiness, which was the decisive factor in its successful response to a shootout with fleeing bank robbery suspects in March 2009. By restructuring the Street Crime Unit to provide 24/7 coverage, the department has increased its ability to deter crime.

The department has established a Community Outreach Bureau in 2008, which has enhanced its working relationship the City's crime watch groups, local clergy, community leaders and Women Aware, an advocacy group for victims of domestic violence. The Bureau has also helped an additional 52 officers become bike patrol certified. Officers helped over 1,100 fifth and sixth grade students graduate from D.A.R.E. and G.R.E.A.T programs last year and trained 300 high school students safe driver and passenger behaviors to reduce automobile accidents.

Outgoing Director Anthony Caputo retired on March 1 after just over 26 years as a police officer with the New Brunswick Police Department.

"I consider myself fortunate to have had the opportunity to lead the New Brunswick Police Department. I am proud of the department's accomplishments during my tenure. I look forward to my retirement and all the opportunities it presents," said Caputo.

"I watched Director Caputo rise through the ranks. He is a tireless worker. He is a dedicated leader who served our City with honor and distinction for 26 years. It has been a tremendous pleasure to work with him," Mayor Cahill said.

Caputo was hired in 1984 and worked in the Patrol Division until 1988 when he became a detective assigned to the Major Crimes Unit. Director Caputo also served 10 years as the department's narcotics K-9 handler. Director Caputo earned the rank of sergeant in 1994 and lieutenant in 1998. He served as commander of the Neighborhood Patrol Team, which operated out of the Remsen Avenue sub-station. Cahill appointed him Deputy Director in 2001 and Director in 2007.

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