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**CHIEF OF POLICE**

The City of Toledo would like to announce that Deputy Chief George Kral has been named the new Chief of Police for the Toledo Police Department. This year Deputy Chief Kral has undergone a transition to become the next Chief of Police as current Chief William Moton is pursuing retirement. It is the City's view that this transition be seamless and Deputy Chief Kral receive the necessary experience to become the next Chief of Police before holding the position.

William Moton received his Bachelor and Master degree in Sociology and Public Administration. William was hired to the Toledo Police Department in September of 1983, was promoted to Sergeant in 1986, Lieutenant in 1989, and Chief of Police in 2014.

Having served in the United States Marine Corp as a decorated Vietnam War Veteran, Moton understands all too well the concept of teamwork and what it takes to get the job done. His tenacity and discipline for thoroughness and solid police work have netted him profound results in his career.

"William Moton has been an immeasurable asset to the Toledo Police Department, his dedication and determination with ongoing operations will be greatly missed," said Mayor Collins.

George Kral holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Management and a Master of Science degree in Justice Administration. "George has proven to be a leader in our community, and brings a wealth of knowledge and skills to his new position as Chief of Police for the Toledo Police Department," said Mayor Collins.

George was hired to the Toledo Police Department in December of 1990, was promoted to Sergeant in 1995, Lieutenant in 2006, Captain in 2011, and Deputy Chief in 2014. George has also held assignments in patrol operations, crime analysis, internal affairs, investigative services, records bureau, planning and inspections, and served as Commander of the Support and Administrative Services Division.

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## George Kral

In an age where law enforcement officers might be in literal or figurative battles in communities, George Kral's leadership as Chief of Police in Toledo is building a bridge of compassion and understanding for both who serve and those served.

Serving as a national model of community unity since taking the helm of the Toledo Police Department in January 2015, Chief Kral has created numerous programs all designed to make the community and police officers partners in making the city safer together.

Three of the more notable programs — Coffee with a Cop, Police in the Park, and Blue Lunch Specials — have become well-attended community staples in all neighborhoods of the city.

George served in the U.S. Navy from 1984-90 and began his career in the Toledo Police Department in 1990. In 1995 he was promoted to Sergeant of the Operations Division which began his rise in the ranks. He has managed district stations, investigations, detective bureaus, records management, strategic planning, and administration of the department.

Chief Kral instills compassion in his view of policing. He views the officer's role to protect and serve by focusing on the "serve."



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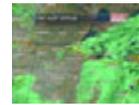
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# George Kral reflects on two years as police chief

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TOLEDO, OH (WTOL) - George Kral is celebrating two years as chief of the Toledo Police Department.

Since his swearing-in, Kral has been working on goals to change the face of the department and bridging the gap between officers and the people they are sworn to protect.

Chief Kral had two priorities when he took over as chief. The first was with his officers' motivation.

"If they're not motivated to go out and do the job, it's not going to do any good. So a big part of my time as chief is going to be to make sure that our moral, our officers are taken care of," Kral said in a 2015 interview with WTOL.

He said he is happy with the progress of that goal two years later.

"Something as simple as changing the color of a shirt," Kral said. "We're getting 35 new police cars coming before May. That's a huge morale booster."

Kral also promised to improve the department's relationship within the community, and that too has happened.

Countless Coffee with a Cop and town hall meetings have been held. More Block Watch groups formed, and a stronger community service section at TPD has grown. All are ways of allowing officers to get out from behind the desk and out of their cruisers to meet the residents they serve.

"Chief Kral treats the people like they should be treated, they should be aware of things, they should know about crime, and he does want the feedback," said former Block Watch leader Tina Scott.

Through his tenure as Chief, Kral was faced with unexpected moments, like the death of Mayor Mike Collins and K9 Falko. There was also an officer-involved shooting death of a man in custody, two officers criminally charged, dwindling manpower as retirements take center stage and the police class postponed.

All are part of the job, though he says it's made easier with the support he is receiving from those he serves, as well as the mayor.

"Mayor Hicks Hudson is a fan of the police department, we talk all the time," Kral said. "With her support, we continue to make the department better and city better."

Chief of police is not an elected job, and Kral says he has at least seven years until retirement and hopes he can continue to do exactly what he is doing until then.

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