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# Hawkey Names Felker City's Chief Of Police, Effective Immediately

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City Manager Philip Hawkey today named Capt. Marti D. Felker, a 20-year veteran of the Toledo police division, as the new chief of police.

Mr. Felker, 42, who had been head of the crimes against persons section of the detective bureau, assumes his new post immediately. He will be paid \$54,900 annually.

"There's a lot ahead of me," Mr. Felker said at a morning news conference at Government Center. "The main thing right now is to get brought up to date on where the division stands, and then go from there."

He succeeds John Mason, who retired in June, and becomes head of the city's largest division, which can have up to 750 officers and a budget of \$40 million.

He is the 22nd chief to head the division.

Richard Kwiatkowski, who had been acting police chief, will return to his former duties as deputy chief in charge of support services after assisting Chief Felker through a transition period.

"I've got a lot of confidence that Marti Felker will be one of our best police chiefs," Mr. Hawkey said at the news conference.

## Understanding Of Department

Mr. Hawkey, authorized by the city charter to name the new chief, said he picked Mr. Felker because of "his understanding of the police department and its role, and his willingness to evaluate and strengthen the relationship between the division and the community."

"He's expressed an eagerness to bring in more people to the decision-



— Blade Photo  
Marti Felker spoke at news conference this morning

making process, and I like that," Mr. Hawkey said.

Chief Felker said today he wanted to make the division more community oriented, obtain greater input from the officers, and allow his deputy chiefs to take a more active role in running the division.

Chief Felker was selected over Deputy Chief John Bryan, field op-

erations; Deputy Chief Ronald Jackson, administrative services; Capt. Larry Armstrong, personnel and fiscal affairs, and Capt. Larry Dyal, training. **AUG 26 1987**

The decision came after three hours of discussion yesterday by Operations Manager Michael White, Staff Manager Anthony Reams, Personnel and Civil Service Director William Logie, Safety Director Raymond Norris, and Mr. Hawkey.

"As the meeting went on, it became apparent to us that Marti was the best choice," Mr. Hawkey said.

Sources said, however, that Captain Felker was not Mr. Hawkey's first choice. **BLADE**

They said the city manager, apparently not totally pleased with any of the applicants, asked Mr. Mason on Sunday to resume the job.

When Mr. Mason rejected the offer, sources said, Mr. Hawkey apparently turned to the list of candidates.

## Mason Declines Comment

Mr. Mason acknowledged that he talked with the manager Sunday but refused to say what was discussed.

Mr. Norris said Mr. Mason's return "was an alternative being discussed, but as far as I know, John was not offered the job."

Mr. Hawkey said he didn't offer the job but did ask the former chief to help with the transition.

Mr. Norris said the decision was difficult because "no star emerged."

"But to say we weren't pleased is really unfair," he said. "I'm really looking forward to working with Marti. He's extremely honest and will consider all sides of an issue before he goes forward."

Chief Felker, born in Nashville, Tenn., has lived in the Toledo area most of his life.

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He lives in Sylvania, on a waiver approved in 1985 to live outside the city, but Mr. Hawkey said he will be required to move into the city within six months. He has a wife, Helen, and three children, Tami, 21, Mark, 20, and Michele, 18, all living at home.

Chief Felker, appointed to the division in 1967, has served as a uniformed officer, a detective, and in the administrative staff section.

From 1967 to 1973, he was a patrol officer. He was an accident investigator in the traffic section from 1973 until 1976, then was promoted to sergeant and assigned to

head the robbery and homicide units.

In 1977, he became an internal-affairs investigator, handling citizen reports and investigating alleged misconduct by police.

He was promoted to lieutenant in 1981 and served as head of the internal affairs unit from 1983 until 1984, when he was promoted to captain and reassigned to head the crimes against persons section.

Chief Felker earned an associate's degree in law enforcement technology from the University of Toledo's Community and Technical College in 1982 and a bachelor of arts degree in criminal justice from TU in 1986.

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# Top cop quits at odds with new mayor

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As the new guard of elected officials was taking over city hall yesterday, Marti Felker walked out of the Safety Building for the last time as chief of police.

Citing irreconcilable differences with Mayor Carty Finkbeiner, Chief Felker said it was his time to go.

"There is too much to be done in this city to deal with an individual that won't even discuss the issues," Chief Felker said yesterday morning.

Chief Felker said efforts to discuss the future of the division with Mayor Finkbeiner have been unsuccessful since the November election.

Mayor Finkbeiner has maintained since his campaign that there was a need for new blood in the chief's position.

City council Friday approved a settlement package, which identified the chief's retirement as one "in



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critical

good standing."

Chief Felker said the future of the division will depend on the role the new mayor chooses to play in division policies.

"It all depends. If the mayor decides he is going to come over and dictate new officers and new programs, that would have a disastrous effect," he said. "The past administrations have used the expertise and advice of the members of this division."

Replacing Chief Felker as acting chief of police is James Wiegand, 46, deputy chief of the investigative services bureau.

The 24-year police veteran took over the reins of the police division at noon yesterday. He will remain in command until a permanent replacement is hired.

"I've worked in the past with the mayor and his three top administrators. I feel relatively comfortable with them," Chief Wiegand said. "I believe that I was named because they have confidence in me."

Chief Wiegand said he is not seeking the position permanently.

"My goal right now is to work an additional eight years. I don't know if I could last that long as chief," he said. "That's not to say that may not change. But, at this point, it's not

my plan to seek the permanent position."

Chief Felker said the permanent chief should be hired from within the division.

"I think bringing a chief from outside in order to be impartial and with no ties to the department — if that is correct — then that same logic must be used for the election of the mayor and council members," he said.

"It doesn't make any sense to say a chief promoted from within can't do a good job."

A major rift between the outgoing chief and Mayor Finkbeiner has been caused by a criticism that Chief Felker had not moved quickly enough to implement community-oriented policing.

Chief Felker said that philosophy of law enforcement always has been a goal in the division, but true community policing cannot be achieved without a commitment from all areas of government.

"The frustrating thing with community policing is that everyone thinks it's just police doing it in the community," he said. "It needs to be police with citizens and government. If this is where Carty wants to go, he needs it to be a priority for all of the departments in the city."

The inadequate level of manpower remains the division's greatest weakness, and without a commitment to restoring the number of sworn officers to its authorized strength of 775, any attempts to put more officers in neighborhoods will be futile, he said.

Chief Felker's resignation yesterday ended his 26-year career with the police division.

He was appointed in 1967 and worked as a patrol officer until 1973. He was an accident investigator in the traffic section from 1973 to 1976 before being promoted to sergeant and assigned to head the robbery and homicide units.

In 1977, he became an internal affairs investigator and was promoted to lieutenant. He headed the section in 1981. When he was promoted to captain in 1984, he was reassigned to head the crimes against persons section.

Chief Felker said he has no plans to rush into another job right away.

"I want to take some time off, relaxing and doing with my family some things I haven't been able to do," he said.

"I don't feel tomorrow morning I have to get out and find a job."