



Village of Mount Prospect Press Release



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SUBJECT: Mount Prospect Announces Selection of New Police Chief

Village of Mount Prospect Village Manager Michael Cassady has announced the selection of a new police chief. John Koziol, former Chief of Police with the Village of Palatine has been chosen to serve as the next leader of the Mount Prospect Police Department.

Mr. Koziol was interviewed last week by Village Manager Michael Cassady and four members of the Village Leadership Team. The team interviewed a total of four candidates for the position. The interview team honed in on Koziol based on his previous leadership experience as Chief as well as his interpersonal skills.

“I would describe John as a positive, forward-thinking ‘cop’s cop,’” Village Manager Michael Cassady said. “He can relate to what officers and civilians encounter on a day-to-day basis. He has a solid understanding of the challenges that both the Village and the Police Department are facing and I believe his leadership style and commitment to high performance will be an excellent fit for the organization.”

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Mr. Koziol served as Police Chief for the Village of Palatine for 12 years, from 2002 to 2014, rising up through the ranks of the department, starting there as a patrolman in 1985. He held several positions with the Palatine Police Department including Deputy Chief of Field Operations, Commander, Sergeant and more. Mr. Koziol has a Bachelor of Science in Law Enforcement Administration from Western Illinois University. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico Virginia and the Southern Police Institute at the University of Louisville.

“I am extremely honored to have been selected for this position,” Koziol said. “I’ve always known the men and women of the Mount Prospect Police Department to be ‘Real Police.’ For that reason, they already have my respect. I know I must still earn their respect and look forward to doing that in the coming months,” stated Koziol.

“I come from a police family and despite being an administrator for nearly half my career I am a cop at heart. Every day of my professional life I have been proud to be a part of this most noble profession,” Koziol said.

Since retiring from the Village of Palatine in 2014 after 29 years of meritorious service, Koziol has served as a Police Officer with the Village of Inverness.

“This time in the field has given me a renewed respect of those that do it day in and day out,” Koziol said. “It is an asset I will carry as I lead the department’s police officers.”

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The new chief will start January 3, 2018 at a salary of \$150,000. Mr. Koziol chose not to pursue an additional Police pension and will instead participate in a 401(a) defined contribution plan.

The Village began the nationwide search for a new Police Chief in October, following the retirement of Timothy Janowick, who had served as Mount Prospect's chief since 2014. Deputy Chief Michael Eterno has been effectively serving as Acting Chief in the interim, and will continue to do so until Mr. Koziol begins.

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