



# News Release

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**Kenneth Coontz, Chief of Police**

**For Immediate Release**

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**Subject: Captain Bret M. Snavelly Retirement**

Captain Bret M. Snavelly announced his retirement from the Mansfield Division of Police effective January 5, 2018.

Captain Snavelly began his law enforcement career in 1984 as a Deputy Sheriff with the Richland County Sheriff Department and was later assigned to METRICH in 1991. He was later hired by the Mansfield Division of Police on May 23, 1994. He was promoted to Sergeant on October 18, 2005, Lieutenant on August 7, 2012 and to Captain on April 3, 2014.

As a new Patrol Officer for the Mansfield Division of Police he was assigned to the Community Services Bureau Patrol Section and later to the Community Policing Section. Upon his promotion to Sergeant he was assigned back to the Patrol Section. After his promotion to Lieutenant he assumed the responsibilities of the Patrol Section's Second Shift Watch Commander. Upon his promotion to Captain he became Commander of the Community Services Bureau.

During his career he was a Field Training Officer, FTO Unit Commander, Firearms Instructor, Armorer, and a member of the Department's Honor Guard since its inception.

Captain Snavelly is known for his hard work, dedication and initiative. He consistently demonstrates a high degree of skill, integrity and perseverance in his job. Throughout his career he received numerous Special Commendation Awards and letters of recognition.

Bret's retirement represents a loss to the Mansfield Division of Police and culminates a career that has exemplified the best qualities of a law enforcement professional. He has our congratulations upon his retirement and our heartfelt thanks for his many years of loyal service. We wish him the greatest success and happiness in the future.

Everyone is invited to a farewell reception for Bret on Friday, January 5, 2018 at 1330 hours in the City Council Chambers.

**HAPPY RETIREMENT AND GOOD LUCK BRET!**

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