

## **News Release**

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Subject: Detective Frank Parrella Retirement

Detective Frank Parrella announced his retirement from the Mansfield Division of Police effective February 19, 2018.

Detective Parrella was appointed to the department on February 18, 1989. Prior to his appointment to the department he served in Vietnam from March 1969 until October 1970 with the U.S. Army. Upon Honorable Discharge, he returned to work at Tappan until his appointment to the Division of Police where he was assigned to the Patrol Bureau.

Upon his transfer to the Detective Bureau's Major Crimes Section in 1995 he worked or assisted on solving numerous homicides. One homicide case that stands out involved the arrest of three suspects from Atlanta, Georgia, which are now serving life sentences for the 1999 homicide at Papa Johnny's Drive Thru.

During his time in Patrol he served as a Field Training Officer, and is currently the longest serving Detective in the Detective Section.

Detective Parrella's retirement represents a loss to the Mansfield Division of Police, the citizens of this community and culminates a career that has exemplified the best qualities of a law enforcement professional. He is known for his hard work, dedication, initiative and positive attitude toward his work and co-workers. He has received numerous Special Commendation Awards, letters of recognition and letters of appreciation from citizens and fellow law enforcement personnel.

Frank has our congratulations upon his retirement and our heartfelt thanks for many years of loyal service. We wish him the greatest success and happiness in the future.

HAPPY BETIREMENT AND GOOD LUCK FRANK!

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