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We have endured significant challenges in our Police Department in the past six months and I have taken steps to address those challenges through the evaluation underway by the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police. The timetable for the Chiefs' Association report remains at the end of September. I have also met with the FOP and individual members of the Department and will continue that active dialogue.

After discussions with Chief Jim Repicky regarding the issues facing the Department, the Chief has made the decision to retire at the end of this year. I have accepted his letter of retirement. His last date with the City will be December 31, 2011. The Chief has served this community for more than 30 years and has been particularly responsive to community needs during his tenure leading the Department.

To best address the needs of the Department and the City, I have named Captain Tom Brickman as Executive Officer and Acting Chief with the full authority for the day-to-day operations of the Department and associated areas. Captain Brickman will continue in that role during the balance of the year and until such time as a permanent chief is selected through the civil service process. Captains Doles and Savage will report to Captain Brickman and I am confident the three will work effectively in managing the Department.

Jim Repicky will continue to serve this community by assisting with the OACP evaluation of the Department, transition of duties with Captain Brickman and will begin working on special projects designed to position the safety forces to succeed in regional efforts and technology issues.

I wish Jim and his family well as they plan for his retirement and remain confident that under Captain Brickman's leadership, the Euclid Police Department will maintain its well deserved reputation as the finest in our region. It is also my immediate goal to ensure that operational and staffing issues faced by the Department be addressed in a professional and cooperative manner.

Mayor Bill Cervenik