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The New Faces in Public Safety

Rochester Police Chief Michael Ciminelli

At our March Council meeting we voted to confirm Michael Ciminelli as Chief of the Rochester Police Department.

Prior to taking the post of Chief, Ciminelli was the Deputy Chief of Police for the Administration Bureau. In this position he was responsible for administrative and support functions including: budget development and management.

Chief Ciminelli started his career in law enforcement in 1977 with RPD and continued with the department until 1988. He returned to the RPD in 2009 as Deputy Chief.

During his time on the force Chief Ciminelli actively engaged in trainings and furthered his education. He successfully completed both a bachelor's degree in criminal justice (RIT), and a law degree (University of Buffalo).

Chief Ciminelli has practiced law as an Assistant District Attorney and as Deputy Chief Counsel for the United States Drug Enforcement Administration. He also served six years as the Police Chief for the City of Elmira, NY.

Moving forward, Chief Ciminelli has expressed an interest in moving back to quadrant based policing. He has also been a champion of increased police presence in neighborhoods, with the intent to assign specific officers to their own "beat."

Rochester Fire Chief John Schreiber

The Chief of the Rochester Fire Department, John Schreiber,

was selected to step into his current role by Mayor Lovely Warren in January of this year. Chief Schreiber has been with the RFD since 1989. He held the rank of Firefighter, Fire Lieutenant, Fire Captain, and Deputy Fire Chief.

Chief Schreiber holds a bachelor's degree in Fire Department Administration (SUNY Empire) and Master's degree in Executive Fire Service Leadership (University of Phoenix). Chief Schreiber is highly respected and comes strongly recommended from his colleagues within the RFD.

Chief Schreiber is very active in the local community: he works with the International Sister Cities of Rochester, the American Red Cross, and the Community Emergency Response Team.

The Chief reaffirmed the department's commitment to increasing the diversity within the Rochester Fire Department, and to continue community fire prevention efforts.



Chief Michael Ciminelli



Chief John Schreiber

Director of Public Integrity Timothy Weir

Timothy R. Weir has been appointed as the Director of the Office of Public Integrity. Mr. Weir, a CPA, will join the City after a 26-year career with the FBI in which he served in a wide range of duties including as a forensic accounting specialist responsible for managing investigations involving a full range of white-collar crimes.

Mr. Weir has a master's degree in business administration from the Simon Business School at the University of Rochester and bachelor's degrees in business administration and accounting from the University of Kansas.

As the Director of the Office of Public Integrity, Mr. Weir will be responsible for investigating reports of fraud, corruption, waste and abuse within City Government. He will direct internal audits, forensic review and administrative

investigations to identify and prevent fraud, waste, corruption, illegal acts and abuse by City employees, officials, administrators and contractors conducting business with the City.

Big Cost Saving at The Port of Rochester

The City of Rochester will be working with the United States Army Corps of Engineers to dredge an area of the Genesee River. Sediment has built up along the bottom of the river, which makes it difficult for boats to pass through.

The entrance of the new Port Marina had accumulated sediment at a higher rate which is partially attributed to weather events which resulted from Hurricane Sandy. By partnering with the Army Corps of Engineers rather than the firm hired to do the marina construction, the City of Rochester will save \$36,000 on this project.

By increasing the depth of the water, larger ships will be able to navigate through this channel. This project has a significant effect on the local cement and concrete industry; the channel that is being dredged is the main supply route in the Rochester region for these important building materials.

If the channel were to lose its navigability, the cost of concrete and cement in the region would increase by as much as 20 percent. These increased costs would further impact building projects throughout the community and our local labor market. This project, while seemingly small in scope, has a very large impact on the region.

The dredging project will add two to three years of navigable life to the channel. It is anticipated that the proposed marina entrance dredging will be completed by June 30, 2014.

And Don't Forget, You Can Follow Me on Facebook:

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Thanks,



Rendering of City of Rochester Port Marina Project