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Glendale Heights Chief of Police to Retire after 29 Years of Service

Glendale Heights, Illinois (February 12, 2016) – Glendale Heights Chief of Police, Michael S. Marron, was recognized on February 11, 2016 at the Glendale Heights Village Board meeting for his commitment in providing more than 29 years of service to the community and retiring on February 10, 2016.

Before being appointed by Mayor Linda Jackson in October of 2005, Chief Marron held the positions of Patrol Officer, Detective, D.A.R.E. and G.R.E.A.T. Instructor, Crime Prevention Officer, Sergeant and Commander. Chief Marron is the longest serving Police Chief for the Village of Glendale Heights.

“Chief Marron has been a true leader and inspiration for the Glendale Heights Community and his services will be missed dearly,” said Glendale Heights Mayor Linda Jackson. “He was admired and respected by his peers, but most importantly, he was a great friend and colleague. Chief Marron was always prepared and committed to protecting and serving the residents of Glendale Heights. I want to personally thank Chief Marron for his contributions and commitment to the community!”

Chief Marron has been a catalyst in ensuring continuation of numerous programs for the Glendale Heights Community. He has been instrumental in the continued success of Safety Town Easter Egg Hunt, Safety Town Halloween, Citizens Police Academy, Junior Police Academy, Neighborhood Watch, National Night Out, and many more programs. Additionally, Chief Marron’s commitment to the

Glendale Heights Police Department was always in the forefront. His leadership and ideas were influential to the redesigned Glendale Heights Police Station which opened its doors in 2012.

Under Chief Marron's leadership, the Police Department became an accredited agency through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), completing a highly rigorous process in which public safety agencies demonstrate that they comply with an established set of professional law enforcement standards. The department, under Chief Marron, has maintained compliance in the years since 2008, attaining re-accreditation in 2011 and 2014; this is a significant accomplishment since only 3% of police agencies in the United States are accredited by CALEA.

President Jackson and the Village Board are currently finalizing a comprehensive search for a Police Chief, working in conjunction with the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police.

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