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## **MONROE CITY COUNCIL APPOINTS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

**(MONROE, MI)** - At their October 14th Special Meeting, Monroe City Council accepted the recommendation of City Manager Vincent Pastue to appoint Chad J. Tolstedt to the position of Director of Public Safety. Tolstedt will oversee Public Safety Operations for both the Police and Fire Operations.

The Public Safety Director position was created following a reorganization plan adopted by the City Council in July 2021 to address forthcoming budget challenges resulting from the recent DTE power plant tax devaluation settlement. In addition, the reorganization includes an operations plan that optimizes police and fire responses, along with improving internal working relationships. Director Tolstedt will be tasked with bringing this Department in line with the policies set forth by City Council, as well as best industry practices to make certain the public's safety and public service is the focus.

Director Tolstedt is honored to take on this role for the City of Monroe and knows the job that lies ahead is not without its struggles; "The City Council had tough decisions to make. I am pleased that I was appointed to this position and promise the City of Monroe residents that we will work hard to ensure their safety."

Director Tolstedt's goals are to work towards more stability and cohesion between the two operations, continue to foster working relationships with other local first responders, implement innovation and industry best practices, and connect with citizens. "We have great police and fire employees," said Tolstedt. "I look forward to moving forward with them and continuing to build towards a solid foundation."

Director Tolstedt has served on the Monroe Police Department for over 22 years and previously held the position of Captain. During his tenure, Director Tolstedt has been a part of numerous department roles, programs, and responsibilities. Some of these include, but are not limited to; developing a community officer program, Chaplain Program; overseeing numerous City Events (e.g. Jazz Festival & Christmas Magic in Monroe); Special Response Team member for 19 plus years; City of Monroe Pension Board; Mayor's Traffic Committee; and alternate for the 911 Board.

Director Tolstedt grew up in Northville, Michigan. He attended Western Michigan University (WMU) where he obtained a Bachelor's of Arts. After graduating from WMU, Director Tolstedt attended the Wayne County Regional Police Academy



*Public Safety Director Chad J. Tolstedt*

through Schoolcraft College and was then hired by the City of Monroe in April of 1999. He relocated to Monroe shortly after being hired, and has been a proud resident of the City of Monroe for 20+ years.

Since his employment with the city, he has obtained a Master's degree in Organizational Management from Spring Arbor University (SAU), attended Eastern Michigan University's School of Police Staff and Command Executive Leadership Program, and attended the Federal Bureau of Investigations National Academy (FBINA) in Quantico, VA, where he studied upper level management. Director Tolstedt is a certified fire fighter and attended Fire Fighter Officer Command School.

Director Tolstedt: "I am truly grateful to my past command officers, teachers, my pastor, and my family for what they have invested in me and for the support they have given me over the years. I am eager to continue to serve the citizens of the City of Monroe in this new capacity."

Director Tolstedt will be sworn in to his new position at the Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, City Council Meeting.

#### *About the City of Monroe*

Incorporated in 1817, the City of Monroe is a community that has a shared vision that seeks to balance the opportunities of economic development with the stewardship that is required for historic preservation. With a population of 20,733, Monroe is located about 17-miles north of Toledo, Ohio and about 35-miles south of Detroit. The City of Monroe is Michigan's third oldest community, and is also the county seat of Monroe County.

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