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City of Beachwood Announces Appointment of New Police Chief

Beachwood, Ohio 8/12/24— The City of Beachwood is proud to announce the appointment of Commander Daniel Grispino as the new Chief of Police for the Beachwood Police Department. With a distinguished career spanning over 22 years in law enforcement, Grispino brings a wealth of experience, advanced education, and proven leadership to this role.

Experience and Education:

Grispino joins the Beachwood Police Department from the Shaker Heights Police Department, where he served the community for 18 years, most recently as Commander of the Uniform Patrol Bureau. His extensive career includes leadership roles as a Patrol, Administrative, and Detective Sergeant and Lieutenant overseeing the Community Services Unit and the Uniform Patrol Bureau. Additionally, Grispino has served as the law enforcement liaison for the Regional Mental Health Response Team and has acted as Chief of Police in the Chief's absence.

Grispino's academic achievements include a Master of Science in Criminal Justice Administration from Tiffin University and a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Sociology from Cleveland State University, where he graduated Magna cum Laude. He also holds an Associate of Applied Arts in Criminal Justice from the University of Akron.

Further distinguishing Grispino's commitment to law enforcement education is his completion of the Ohio Certified Law Enforcement Executive (CLEE) program. CLEE training equips law enforcement leaders with the skills to navigate the complexities of modern policing. This certification underscores his commitment to ethical leadership, strategic planning, and community relations—essential qualities that make him an excellent fit to lead the Beachwood Police Department.

Leadership Statements:

Mayor Justin Berns is confident in the leadership Grispino will bring to the Beachwood Police Department. "Dan's career achievements are truly impressive. His commitment to law enforcement is evident through his continuous leadership growth and development," Mayor Berns stated. "His dedication to mastering a wide range of skills within the law enforcement field makes him an invaluable asset to any department. I am confident that under his leadership, the Beachwood Police Department will continue to uphold our community's high standards of public safety. I am excited to see his exceptional leadership in action here in Beachwood.

Grispino says his extensive experience and training make him well-prepared to take the next step in his law enforcement career. "I am honored to be selected to join the team at the City of Beachwood. I'm looking forward to serving within a great department and a great community.

I can't wait to begin building relationships with our officers, city leaders, and community members so we can work together to ensure the City of Beachwood continues to be a safe and welcoming community for everyone."

Law Enforcement Training:

In addition to his extensive leadership experience, Grispino has completed over 2,000 hours of advanced law enforcement training. His areas of expertise include Advanced Impaired Driving Enforcement, Tactical Operations and Critical Incidents, Street Drugs Enforcement and Investigation, and Child Abduction Advanced Investigation. He is also trained in Rescue Task Force operations, narcotics investigation and enforcement, officer-involved shooting protocols, and conducting thorough background investigations. This extensive professional training has equipped him with the specialized knowledge and skills necessary to lead the Beachwood Police Department in addressing a wide range of challenges with precision and effectiveness.

In addition to his expansive professional training, Grispino has contributed to law enforcement as an educator. He currently serves as an Adjunct Instructor at Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety and previously worked with Tiffin University's School of Criminal Justice and Social Sciences. His experience as an educator and his hands-on leadership in law enforcement position him to effectively guide the Beachwood Police Department in delivering exceptional service to the community.

Honors and Awards:

Grispino's contributions to law enforcement have earned him numerous commendations and awards, including recognition as a National Institute of Justice LEADS Scholar, an honor awarded to only ten law enforcement executives across the United States. Northwestern University has spotlighted his innovative leadership in his work to create the first municipal Regional Mental Health Response program in the State of Ohio and the nation. Grispino was also Recognized as the Rotary Officer of the Year for developing the "Ribbon Run" Community Engagement 5K Run Event for charity.

Grispino will officially assume his duties as Chief of Police on September 3, 2024.

About the City of Beachwood:

The City of Beachwood is home to outstanding educational institutions, a thriving business environment, and an exceptional quality of life. Our city takes pride in providing excellent public services, top-tier recreational amenities, and a safe, inclusive environment for all residents and visitors. Beachwood offers a unique combination of suburban tranquility and urban convenience. We take pride in being a center of cultural, economic, and recreational activity, always striving to be one of the best cities in the country to work, learn, live, and thrive.