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## Beachwood Names Kelly J. Stillman as Police Chief

**BEACHWOOD, Ohio –September 17, 2020–** Today, Mayor Martin S. Horwitz announced the hiring of Kelly J. Stillman as police chief for the City of Beachwood.

A 35-year veteran of the Rocky River Police Department who served as chief of that department since January 2011, Stillman brings a deep commitment to public service and a focus on community policing and community engagement to his new role. In addition to serving Rocky River, Stillman is well-regarded by area police chiefs and was elected President of the Cuyahoga County Chiefs Association in 2018.

“We were fortunate to attract many qualified candidates to our search for a police chief, but Chief Stillman rose to the top of every aspect of the hiring process,” said Mayor Horwitz. “In addition to his depth of professional experience and high assessment scores, I was particularly impressed with his knowledge of police procedures and policies, advanced law enforcement technology and communication and management skills. I am sure he will be well-known to our residents, civic and religious leaders and business community very quickly.”

During his tenure at Rocky River Police Department, Chief Stillman: implemented leadership training for all department officers; planned and evaluated the department’s transition to 12-hour shifts; initiated the first Citizen’s Police Academy; established units in Bike Patrol, Motorcycle Patrol, Neighborhood Crime Prevention Officer, K-9, and Coffee with a Cop; obtained grants for police equipment; and built relationships and partnerships with the Rocky River Senior Center, Chamber of Commerce, and City Council.

“Law enforcement has seen some drastic changes over the past decades, but I am a firm believer that police must be engaged and stay engaged with the citizens we serve,” said Chief Stillman. “I truly love my chosen profession and look forward to serving the people of Beachwood and its residents, employees, and visitors.”

Chief Stillman will be sworn-in during the City Council meeting on September 21. A ceremonial swearing-in to allow for proper social distancing of attendees will immediately follow at 7:15 PM outside of Beachwood City Hall, 25325 Fairmount Blvd.

Chief Stillman’s first day as Beachwood’s police chief will be September 28, 2020.

### **About the City of Beachwood, OH**

Founded as a village in 1915, the City of Beachwood was incorporated in 1960. Conveniently located along Interstate 271, Beachwood is home to nearly 12,000 residents and 2,500

companies. It was named “#1 Place to Live in Cuyahoga County” by *Cleveland Magazine* in 2017 and the best place to hold a meeting requiring fewer than 1,000 guestrooms by the readers of *Midwest Meetings* magazine in 2019. Beachwood is well-known for its excellent city services, recreation facilities, highly rated schools, and low property taxes. Its diversity of residents is more than four times the Ohio state average. For more information about living and working in Beachwood, visit [www.BeachwoodOhio.com](http://www.BeachwoodOhio.com).

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