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## Beachwood Names Katherine M. Dolan as Chief of Police

**BEACHWOOD, Ohio –November 11, 2021–** Today at 9:30 AM, Mayor Martin Horwitz swore-in Katherine M. “Kate” Dolan as chief of police for the City of Beachwood. Chief Dolan is the first woman in the city’s history to serve as chief of the Beachwood Police Department (BPD).

“I was warmly welcomed when I joined the department as deputy chief in September and look forward to leading BPD’s fine officers in achieving our public-safety goals for this fast-growing community,” Chief Dolan said.

A career law-enforcement professional with two decades of experience, Chief Dolan brings a deep commitment to the development of police personnel and the administration of department procedures to the chief’s office. In addition to serving as chief of police for Cleveland Metroparks, she is well-regarded for improving operations and bolstering recruitment at that CALEA-accredited police department.

She was hired as deputy chief for BPD in September 2021.

“I was proud to hire Chief Dolan as our deputy chief and am thrilled that she accepted the offer to become Beachwood’s new chief of police. Her proven leadership and experience make her the best choice to lead our outstanding police department, while also confirming Beachwood’s continuing commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion,” said Mayor Horwitz.

During her tenure at Cleveland Metroparks, Chief Dolan: managed a police department of 100 employees, which included mounted, marine patrol, dive, drone, detective bureau, and K-9 units; oversaw an annual operating budget of over \$12 million; implemented the use of body-worn cameras; successfully obtained grants and corporate funding for the purchase of electric motorcycles, bulletproof vests, and other police equipment; and promoted community outreach programs by engaging in partnerships with the Boys and Girls Club of Cleveland and Big Brothers and Big Sisters of America.

Prior to her role at Cleveland Metroparks, Dolan worked at the City of Cleveland Heights Police Department from 2001 – 2018, working her way from basic patrol officer to captain. She served in undercover units, worked as a latent-fingerprint examiner, handled media communications, served on the department’s hiring panel, managed the vehicle fleet and was the first woman to serve on the SWAT team.

Chief Dolan holds a BS in Criminal Justice from the University of Toledo (OH) and an MS in Criminology from University of Cincinnati.

**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 more than 14,000 residents and 2,500 companies. Based on 2020 Census data, Beachwood has grown faster than any other Cuyahoga County municipality and its diversity of residents is more than four times the state average. Beachwood is well-known for its excellent city services, recreation facilities, highly rated schools and low property taxes. For more information about living and working in Beachwood, visit [www.BeachwoodOhio.com](http://www.BeachwoodOhio.com).

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