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Village of Northbrook mourns the loss of former Police Chief Wernick

Northbrook, IL: On Monday, October 19, the Village was notified about the loss of former Police Chief Charles “Chuck” Wernick. Wernick served as Northbrook’s Police Chief for 12 years. Wernick began his career in law enforcement in 1972 as a patrol officer for the City of Evanston, where he worked his way up through the ranks to sergeant, then lieutenant. He left Evanston in 2001 to become the Chief of Police for the City of Highwood until he was recruited to serve as Police Chief for the Village of Northbrook from 2005 until 2017 when he retired. Chief Wernick embodied everything a community would expect in a Police Chief. His career spanned 45 years in Police service.

Remembrances:

Village President Sandra E. Frum:

“Chief Wernick was truly a cop’s cop. But it didn’t stop there. He cared about everyone he came in contact with. I missed him when he retired, but I knew he was never far away. I will miss him even more now.”

Village Manager Richard Nahrstadt:

“From his first day on the job, Chief Wernick gained the respect of the department and the community. He was “hands-on” and a no nonsense leader who also had a very compassionate heart for his work and for those he served. He will be greatly missed. He was our friend. “

Chief of Police Roger L. Adkins Jr.

“Retired Chief Chuck Wernick was a true leader who earned the respect of the men and women of the Northbrook Police Department and who never lost sight of boots on the ground and our mission. In addition to the Police Department and Village staff and officials, Chuck developed a strong relationship with the community, which he shared was one of the most valuable lessons he learned as a police officer in Evanston and instilled in me. His numerous years of service to law enforcement touched many. I was saddened by the news and he will be greatly missed.”

On behalf of the Village Board, Village staff, and the community of Northbrook, our sincerest sympathies to his family as we mourn this loss.

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