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## **Deputy Chief Earl Nelson Appointed Middletown Chief of Police**

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio – Middletown City Manager Paul Lolli announces the appointment recommendation of Deputy Police Chief Earl Nelson to the position of Chief of Police within the Middletown Division of Police.

“The role of police chief requires consummate professionalism and model dedication in the office and in the community, both of which Deputy Chief Nelson exemplifies every day,” City Manager Lolli said. “Under Deputy Chief Nelson’s leadership, the Middletown Division of Police will have an opportunity to further evolve and grow into a department that this community respects and admires.”

Middletown City Council will officially vote to appoint Deputy Chief Nelson to the position of Chief of Police at its next regular meeting on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Directly following the vote, there will be a pinning ceremony for the new chief.

“It’s an honor to be selected for this position. I want to thank everyone for their support and encouragement,” Deputy Chief Nelson said. “I also want to thank all the people who took part in the selection process for chief. This was a tough decision because all of the candidates are exceptional leaders. This police department and city have the most dedicated employees in the area and I cannot wait to get to work.”

Deputy Chief Nelson has been with the Middletown Division of Police since 2005, when he began as a patrol officer. He was promoted to sergeant in 2017 and major/deputy chief in May of this year. Nelson succeeds Acting Chief Andy Warrick, who was appointed to the role earlier this year following the retirement of former Acting Chief Eric Crank.

**About the City of Middletown:** Middletown is a vibrant city of over 50,000 residents located in Butler and Warren Counties between the cities of Cincinnati and Dayton. Incorporated in 1833, Middletown is known for its dynamic culture, growing economy, and storied history in manufacturing. Designated an All-America City, Middletown is home to one of the most active regional airports in the State of Ohio at the Middletown Municipal Airport. Learn more about Middletown at [cityofmiddletown.org](http://cityofmiddletown.org).