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CITY MANAGER NAMES INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE

Wheeling, WV – Wheeling City Manager Robert Herron and the Wheeling Police Department announced today the appointment of an interim Chief of Police.

Effective March 8, 2012, Deputy Chief Mike Vankirk will serve as Interim Chief of Police at the Wheeling Police Department. Deputy Chief Vankirk, a life-long resident of Wheeling, has served with the Wheeling Police Department for more than 25 years. He completed training at the West Virginia State Police Academy as well as Leadership Training at The National Academy at The Federal Bureau of Investigation (F.B.I.).

As Interim Police Chief Vankirk indicated, “My goal is to sustain an effective and professional Department while serving as Interim Chief. I’m very proud of our Department, and I look forward to leading our organization as we transition to a new Chief.”

Sargent Frank Kuca will serve as acting Deputy Chief during Vankirk’s assignment.

City Manager Robert Herron said, “I appreciate Deputy Chief Vankirk’s willingness to undertake this important assignment. Mike has had a distinguished career with the Police Department, and I have complete confidence that he will guide the Department through the interim period as we finalize our search for a permanent Police Chief.”

The City of Wheeling has posted the Police Chief position on its website. Applications will be accepted through March 12, 2012.

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