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City of Stow to Host Swearing-In Ceremony for New Police Chief

STOW, OH (October 23, 2025) – The City of Stow is pleased to announce a swearing-in ceremony for the City's new Police Chief, Heather Prusha, on Fri., November 14, 2025, at 3:00 PM. The ceremony will take place in Stow City Council Chambers, located inside Stow City Hall.

The public is invited to attend as the City formally welcomes Chief Heather Prusha to her new role leading the Stow Police Department. A brief program and oath of office will be followed by light refreshments and an opportunity to meet Chief Prusha and members of the department.

Chief Prusha brings 25 years of experience as a law enforcement officer, including 20 years with the Stow Police Department. Over the course of her career, she has served in a variety of leadership roles—six years as sergeant, four years as shift lieutenant, and the past three years as administrative lieutenant.

In addition to her extensive on-the-job experience, Chief Prusha is deeply committed to professional development and leadership excellence. She earned her Master's Degree in Justice Studies in 2005, graduated from the Police Executive Leadership College (PELC) hosted by the Law Enforcement Foundation in 2020, and currently serves as an Academy Commander at the Kent State University Police Academy.

Her leadership background includes significant administrative and management experience in areas such as mentoring, hiring and onboarding, discipline and grievance processes, interagency coordination, and program oversight. Chief Prusha has led key departmental initiatives including the Police Department Annual Report, the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Annual Report, the transition of dispatch services to a county consortium (COG), management of the agency's training program, and the department's year-long transition to Lexipol as its policy management platform.

This ceremony marks an important milestone for the City of Stow as it continues its longstanding commitment to public safety, professionalism, and strong community partnerships.

Event Details

- What: Swearing-In Ceremony for Police Chief Heather Prusha
- When: Friday, November 14, 2025 – 3:00 PM
- Where: Stow City Hall – Council Chambers, 3760 Darrow Road, Stow, OH 44224

For more information, please contact the City of Stow Mayor's Office at (330) 689-2800.

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