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New Castle Police Chief Announces Retirement and Successor

New Castle, PA – November 21, 2023 – After nearly three decades of dedicated service, New Castle Police Chief Robert Salem has announced his retirement, effective January 15, 2024.

Chief Salem joined the New Castle Police Department (NCPD) in 1995 and rose through the ranks to become Chief in 2012. During his tenure, he has led the department through numerous challenges and improvements, earning the respect and admiration of his colleagues, community leaders, and residents alike.

"It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the residents of New Castle as their Police Chief for the past 11 years," said Chief Salem. "I am proud of the work we have accomplished together, and I am confident that the NCPD will continue to provide exceptional service to our community under the leadership of Chief Cumo."

Chief Salem has notified the city administration of his intention to retire, and the City of New Castle has conducted internal interviews for the position of Chief of Police. Lieutenant David Cumo has been selected as the next Chief of Police for the City of New Castle.

According to City Administrator, Chris Frye, Chief Salem gave the city several months' notice that he would be retiring in January. He did so to allow the city to find his replacement well in advance of his last day, so he could help the new chief transition into the position. Lt. Cumo will work closely with chief Salem over the next 2 months and will not be sworn in as Police Chief until after Salem's last day in January.

Lieutenant Cumo has been with the NCPD since 1998 and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the position. Chief Salem is confident that Lieutenant Cumo will continue to drive the success of the NCPD with his vision and determination.

"I have complete confidence in Lieutenant Cumo's ability to lead the NCPD forward," said Chief Salem. "He is a dedicated, experienced, and innovative leader who will continue to build upon the strong foundation we have established."

Chief Salem expressed his gratitude to the officers and command staff of the NCPD for their unwavering dedication and service. He is confident that the department is well-positioned to continue providing outstanding service to the citizens of New Castle.

"I am proud of all the officers and command staff of the NCPD," said Chief Salem. "They are the backbone of our department, and I am grateful for their hard work and commitment to our community."

Chief Salem's retirement marks the end of an era for the NCPD, but his legacy of leadership, innovation, and dedication will continue to shape the department for years to come. The community is indebted to his service, and he wishes Lieutenant Cumo and the entire NCPD all the best in their future endeavors.