

Immediate News Release



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Please note: Photo is attached of Chief Gary Bitler of the Round Lake Beach Police Department

Round Lake Beach Police Chief To Be Announced

Mayor Richard Hill has officially announced the appointment of Gary Bitler as Chief of Police for the Village of Round Lake Beach.

Chief Bitler has been a part of the Round Lake Beach Police Department for over 30 years. He has served as Interim Chief of Police for the Village since September of 2009.

“The Village Board and I recognize the dedication and commitment Chief Bitler has shown to our community over his 30 years of distinguished service”, acknowledged Mayor Hill.

Chief Bitler has been responsible for every aspect of the department at some point in his career with the Village of Round Lake Beach. He was appointed as a police officer in January of 1979, assigned as Detective in 1986, promoted to Sergeant in 1993, Lieutenant in 1999 and Deputy Chief in October of 2003. Chief Bitler has received numerous awards for excellence and is currently the highest decorated officer in the history of the Round Lake Beach Police Department. Bitler is also a graduate of the Northwestern’s School of Police Staff & Command and the Executive Management Program.

Chief Bitler stated that, “I am very humbled and honored by the confidence placed in me by the Mayor and Village Board. I will do my best to lead a great group of officers and staff at the Police Department and I look forward to working with the entire Village staff in service to the residents of Round Lake Beach.”

Mayor Hill will officially swear in Chief Bitler on Monday, March 8, 2010 during the Village Board Meeting. The Village Board meetings begin at 7:00 pm and they are held at the Round Lake Beach Village Hall, 1937 N. Municipal Way.