

**VILLAGE
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VILLA PARK**

PRESS RELEASE

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The Village of Villa Park is pleased to announce the promotion of Mr. Michael Lay as the Chief of Police. Mr. Lay has been serving the Village in the capacity as Acting Chief of Police since May 19, 2017. He will commence his permanent position as Chief of Police on Monday, August 14, 2017.

Mr. Lay earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Marketing from Illinois State University. He is a Certified Law Enforcement Officer, and has completed numerous law enforcement certifications, including all Critical Incident/NIMS Command Staff Positions, Lead Homicide Investigator, Midwest Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar, Field Training Supervisor and Firearms Instructor. He completed training and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy 242nd Session from the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

Mr. Lay's professional experience includes over 26 years in the Villa Park Police Department, where he began working as a Patrol Officer. As Detective Lieutenant he was involved with the supervision of the Investigations Division and Tactical Officers; during that time he was responsible for the investigation of crimes and assignment of cases to detectives, and served as Assistant Commander to the DuPage County Major Crimes Task Force. Mr. Lay then served as Deputy Chief of Police for the Villa Park Police Department for five years and was responsible for the direction, control, and review of the daily activities of personnel assigned to the patrol and investigative divisions, as well as budget preparation, union contract negotiations, and preparation and scheduling for special event details, amongst numerous other responsibilities.

In addition to his professional experience, Mr. Lay has also taken active volunteer roles within the community. He exemplifies his leadership and integrity in his memberships with the DuPage Senior Police Managers Association, the DuPage, Illinois, and International Chiefs of Police Associations and the FBI National Academy Association. He is an active member of the Villa Park Kiwanis Club and is the incumbent president of that organization, beginning October 2017. Mr. Lay is an active member of his church and the St. John's Praise Team located in Lombard, Illinois.