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### **Oak Park Police Veteran and Chicago Captain Selected as Deputy Chiefs**

A 21-year Oak Park police veteran and a captain with the Chicago Police Department have been selected to be deputy chiefs of the Oak Park Police Department.

Anthony L. Ambrose, a commander with the Oak Park Police Department, and Carl Leidy, a captain assigned to Chicago's 19th District, were selected from a field of 49 applicants for the two posts vacant since January.

The new deputy chiefs will officially assume their duties on June 17.

"I am pleased to announce the selection of these two individuals as deputy chiefs of the Oak Park Police Department," said Village Manager Carl Swenson. "The selection process was intensive and thorough. We had many fine candidates and are confident we have selected two professionals with the best mix of experience for our policing issues today."

Added Oak Park Police Chief Rick C. Tanksley, "Commander Ambrose offered extensive knowledge of the community and experience working closely with its residents. Captain Leidy will bring a broad range of experience in many facets of law enforcement that I believe will be of great value to the department – especially to our young officers."

Ambrose, who joined the Oak Police Department in April 1984 as a patrol officer, currently oversees the Department's community policing operations, including the Resident Beat Officer program that depends on officers living and working in their respective beats to identify and address quality of life issues at the neighborhood level.

Leidy joined the Chicago Police Department in 1973 as a patrol officer, rising through the ranks to his current role as a captain assigned to the 19th District on the city's northeast side. His current responsibilities include overseeing a staff of 150 officers and support staff.

Both Ambrose and Leidy have advanced degrees in criminal justice from Lewis University. They also have had a wide range of specialized training, including through the FBI and various police-related organizations.

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Ambrose will assume the position of Deputy Chief of Administration. His responsibilities will include overseeing records, budget and training, as well as the effort now underway to earn accreditation through the Commission on Law Enforcement. Accreditation requires the department to demonstrate proficiency in a number of areas, codify its policies and procedures, and generally document how to respond to wide range of situations.

Leidy will assume the position of Deputy Chief of Field Services. His responsibilities will include overseeing the patrol unit, crossing guards and community service officers.

"Each of these individuals brings his own unique skills and abilities," Chief Tanksley said. "I feel that as both a team and as individuals, they will greatly enhance my ability to take this department to the next level of professionalism, customer service and crime fighting."

Ambrose and Leidy will join Deputy Chief Robert Scianna. As Deputy Chief of Support Services, Scianna oversees the Investigations Division, community policing and the juvenile unit.

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