

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

<b>Subject:</b>	Westerville Police Announce Staff Appointments, Promotions		
<b>Releasing Officer</b>	Chief of Police Joseph Morbitzer		
<b>Date:</b>	January 21, 2014		
<b>Press Release Log:</b>	<b>14-004</b>	<b>Report #:</b>	N/A

(Westerville, OH) – The Westerville Division of Police has announced a new command staff structure supporting a series of appointments and promotions in the organization. **George Taylor** and **Jon Scowden** have been named Assistant Chiefs, and will share management duties across several internal bureaus: Community Services, Patrol, Investigations, Emergency Communications and Records.

Taylor comes to Westerville from northwestern Ohio, where he held positions in the Lucas County Sheriff’s Office, Rossford Police Department and Toledo Police Department. He retired from the Toledo Police Department after 31 years of service as assistant police chief. He has been an instructor at the University of Toledo, Owens Community College, and the Toledo Police Academy.

Scowden was promoted from Lieutenant, most recently leading the WPD Investigations unit. A police officer since 1991, he joined WPD in 1993. Scowden is a graduate of the Police Executive Leadership College and a 2013 graduate of the Certified Law Enforcement Executive Course, where he was the recipient of the Chief Michael C Kallai Leadership Award.

The WPD Investigations Unit is now led by **Lieutenant Ron McMillin**, who has been promoted from Sergeant. McMillin has been a police officer since 1992, joining WPD in 2000. He is a graduate of both the Supervisor Training and Education Program and the Police Executive Leadership College and is currently enrolled in the Certified Law Enforcement Executive Course.

**Sergeant Brian Spoon** has been promoted from Corporal, and serves in the Patrol section on second shift. Spoon’s career in law enforcement started with the Ontario Police Department in Richland County, Ohio in 1998. He joined Westerville in 2002, where he has worked as a patrol officer, field training officer and detective.

**Corporal Greg LeValley** has also received a promotion, and will serve in the Patrol bureau. LeValley joined WPD in 2000 after service in the United States Marine Corps as a forward observer and intelligence analyst. He has worked as a patrol officer and

narcotics detective, as well as with the Delaware County Drug Task Force and several multi-jurisdictional task forces and federal agencies.

A ceremonial swearing-in of officers will take place at the Westerville City Council meeting on Tuesday, February 4 at 7 p.m. at Westerville City Hall (21 S. State St).

For more information on the Westerville Division of Police, please visit [www.westerville.org/police](http://www.westerville.org/police).

# # #