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## **For Immediate Release**

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I would like to take this opportunity to announce two appointments within the Michigan City Police Department, that being the Chief of Services and Chief of Operations. These appointments will complete the upper level of administration of the Michigan City Police Department.

The appointment to Chief of Services is John Kintzele who is a 22 year member of the Michigan City Police Department. He is 45 years of age, married with two sons and holds a current merit rank of Sergeant within the agency. John has a Bachelors degree from Purdue University majoring in Occupational Leadership and Supervision. His current assignment was as a Detective, and has held positions in the Uniform Division, Division of Professional Standards and Training Division. John's major responsibilities will be to oversee the Investigative Division (Detective Bureau and Narcotics Division), Division of Profession Standard, Records Division, Maintenance, Secretary's and the Police Department's budget.

The appointment to Chief of Operations is Mark Swistek who is a 12 year member of the Michigan City Police Department. He is 34 years of age, married with a daughter, and holds a current merit rank of Corporal within the agency. His current assignment was Commander of the Narcotics Division (Michigan City) of the LaPorte County Metro Operations Unit where he has excelled over the past 5 years, and was a liaison with the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and explosives. He has held positions in the Uniform Division, Detective Bureau as a Detective and Special Operation Group. Mark acted as liaison to the FBI in the investigation of Officer's in this agency and was instrumental in obtaining intelligence in the course of the investigation that led to their arrest. Mark's Primary responsibility will be to oversee the Uniform patrol vision which is the largest Division in the Police Department and the first point of contact with the public. He will also oversee Communications and Community Oriented Policing.

I have tried to create a diverse team that will lead a Department that is made up of very dedicated men and women. We plan to take the remainder of the year to analyze the agency, receive input from all its member's and prepare a short and long term plan for the agency.

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