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Mayor Cites Integrity, Professionalism in Appointment of Howard Mintz as Chief of Police

Newton – Surrounded by the command staff of the Newton Police Department, Mayor Setti Warren appointed Howard Mintz, a 29 year veteran of the department, as Newton's Chief of Police today.

"Throughout his career, Howard Mintz has been an extraordinary public servant, and has demonstrated an unparalleled commitment to public safety and community service," Mayor Warren said. "Over the course of the last three years, I have had the privilege of working closely Chief Mintz, and I am confident that he has the leadership, and utmost professionalism and integrity needed to lead this department."

Chief Howard Mintz began his career with the Newton Police Department as a Patrolman in January, 1984. Prior to that, his career in the criminal justice system included 3 years as a Correction Counselor in the Massachusetts Department of Correction. While completing a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice at Northeastern University, he participated in an internship with the Massachusetts State Police. He is a member of National Criminal Justice Honor Society, and in 2003 received the Meritorious Service Award. He was recently awarded a Certificate in Public Safety & Leadership from Suffolk University.

Prior to his appointment as Chief, Mintz served as Commander of the Newton Police Traffic Bureau for three years. He also previously served as commander of the Patrol and Support Services bureaus. Mintz has served as Interim Chief since August of 2012.

Chief Mintz attended the Newton Public Schools, and graduated from Newton South High School in 1968. He lives with his wife Rae in West Roxbury.

"I am extremely pleased, honored and grateful to receive the appointment of Chief of Police. The high standards set by Mayor Warren will be fulfilled. As chief of a great department, I look forward to working tirelessly with a talented group of men and women throughout the ranks and civilian staff to ensure that Newton is one of the safest places in the country to live, work and raise a family."