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Re: Two police department employee promotions

[North Canton, OH.] On Monday, June 1, 2015 the North Canton Police Department promoted two police officers to new supervisory roles. Mayor David J. Held administered new oaths of office to Sgt. John R. Minock promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and Patrolman John R. Hemic promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

Lieutenant John Mincok began his career with the North Canton Police Department as an auxiliary police officer in August of 1986. He advanced himself to Special Patrolman status in October of 1988 and was eventually hired full time in January of 1989. He was assigned to the Patrol Division for fifteen years. During that time he served as a field training officer and was a member of the bike patrol unit. In May of 2000 he was assigned to the detective bureau and served ten and a half years before being promoted to the rank of Sergeant and reassigned to the Patrol Division. There he served as a shift supervisor until January 2012 and then became the Patrol Operations Supervisor for three years and five months. As Lieutenant he will serve as second in command for the police department. He replaces Lt. Stan Strausser who retired in January 2015. Lt. Minock is a lifelong resident of North Canton and a graduate of North Canton Hoover High School.

Sergeant John Hemric began his career with the North Canton Police Department as an auxiliary police officer in September of 1995. He advanced himself to Special Patrolman in February of 1998 and was eventually hired fulltime in July of 1999. He has served in the Patrol Division for over fifteen years. During that time he has served as a field training officer and is a member of the police department's Special Response Team. The Stark County Police Chief Association selected, then Patrolman Hemric, to be the recipient of the 2012 Community Police Officer of the Year. The Canton Exchange Club also recognized Patrolman Hemric as the Community Police Officer of the Year and the Stark County Safe Communities organization awarded Patrolman Hemric the 2013 Stark County Traffic Officer of the Year. Since January of 2014 Patrolman Hemric was assigned to the detective bureau where he currently will remain until the transition is completed to replace him and then he will be re-assigned to the Patrol Division as a shift supervisor. He also is assigned to the Stark County Sheriff's Metropolitan Narcotics Bureau as an investigator. Sgt. Hemric resides in North Canton and is a graduate of Franklin High School of Somerset, New Jersey.

"I am extremely pleased that Sgt. Hemric and Lt. Minock have accepted their respective appointments and the responsibilities and duties they involve in providing the best safety service to the City and the North Canton Police Department," Chief Stephan B. Wilder.

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