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## **MAYOR HORNIK NAMES CAPT. PEZZULLO AS MARLBORO DEPUTY CHIEF Chief Bruce Hall to Retire**

**MARLBORO TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY (February 21, 2019)** - Mayor Hornik today announced the selection of Captain Peter J. Pezzullo as Deputy Chief of the Marlboro Division of Police. Captain Pezzullo will be appointed to Deputy Chief in a provisional capacity effective March 8, 2019, with the intention of promoting Capt. Pezzullo to the position of Chief of Police following the retirement of Chief Bruce Hall in September of this year.

Mayor Jon Hornik said, "I have full confidence that Capt. Pezzullo will continue my vision of community policing, keeping children and educators safe in the schools and maintaining our low crime rate and quality of life." He continued, "Capt. Pezzullo has been a Marlboro resident for 37 years and is a 22 year veteran of the Marlboro Police. He is a dynamic officer with a stellar background and a wide range of public safety experience. I am looking forward to working with Capt. Pezzullo to maintain our status as one of the safest communities in New Jersey."

Current Chief of Police Bruce Hall will be retiring in September of this year as the mandatory retirement age for police officers in New Jersey is 65. Chief Hall has served this community for more than 40 years, including almost 10 as Chief of Police. This Deputy Chief appointment is a key element of the Mayor's succession plan for the Division.

Mayor Hornik said, "This is a critical time for Marlboro Police Department. The provisional appointment in advance of Chief Hall's retirement will ensure a seamless transition for the Police Department and the residents." He continued, "Chief Hall is a fixture in this community, having provided dedicated leadership throughout his tenure. He is widely regarded as a model law enforcement professional, a gentleman and a leader who has improved his department and made the Marlboro community a safer place. He will leave behind a long lasting legacy and a big set of shoes to fill. I wish him all of the best in a well-deserved retirement. "

In addition to being a Marlboro resident for 37 years and serving the public as a Police Officer for 22 years, Capt. Pezzullo is a Veteran of the United States Marine Corps having served for 11

years and achieved the rank of Sergeant. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Rutgers University, a Masters in Criminal Justice from Boston University, and is a Certified Public Manager.

Captain Pezzullo will be promoted to Deputy Chief in a swearing in ceremony to be held in the Town Hall Courtroom on March 8, 2019.

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