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MAYOR JOYCE APPOINTS DEPUTY CHIEF ROBERT JOSEPH AS ACTING CHIEF OF THE BRAINTREE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Earlier today, in accordance with her authority under Section 3-5 of the Braintree Charter, Mayor Erin Joyce appointed Robert Joseph, a Deputy Chief of the Braintree Police Department, to serve as Acting Chief of Police. This temporary appointment followed the recent resignation of former Chief Timothy Cohoon, who accepted an appointment to serve as the Chief of Police of the Newton Police Department.

Acting Chief Joseph's temporary appointment commences today and, per the Charter, his service as Acting Chief can run for up to ninety (90) days, plus an additional 30-day extension if the permanent position of Chief of Police has not been filled.

"Acting Chief Joseph has served the Braintree Police Department with distinction for many years," said Mayor Joyce. "I am confident that his varied experiences in the Department, combined with his many years of service as a senior law enforcement professional, will serve him well as he assumes the role of Acting Chief," Mayor Joyce continued. "On behalf of the Town, its residents, and its employees, I thank Acting Chief Joseph for accepting this appointment."

"It's an honor to serve as Interim Chief of the Braintree Police Department," said Acting Chief Joseph. "This role is about service, supporting the men and women of the department, and continuing to build strong relationships with the community, while upholding the professionalism and commitment to public safety that Braintree expects."

On a related note, the Town has begun the process of engaging a permanent successor to former Chief Cohoon. A written posting for the opening of Chief of Police will be published soon, and Mayor Joyce will announce a Screening Committee to review applications, interview candidates, and advise her on whom to appoint as Chief of Police.

Mayor Joyce will make future public announcements as the engagement of a successor moves forward. In the meantime, should you have any questions, you may contact the Mayor at 781-794-8100 or mayorjoyce@braintreema.gov.

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