

Resolution

**A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO DETECTIVE SERGEANT DONALD J. SMITH
FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS OF DEDICATION AND SERVICE
TO THE MAYFIELD VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT
AND CONGRATULATING HIM ON HIS RETIREMENT**

WHEREAS, since 1961, Donald J. Smith "Smitty" has served Mayfield Village effectively and faithfully as a police officer, Detective and Sergeant;

WHEREAS, by way of background, Smitty graduated from the Cuyahoga County Police School, Law - Medicine Center School of Law Enforcement Training and Research at Case Western Reserve University. He then served as a Cuyahoga County Deputy from 1956-1961;

WHEREAS, after being assigned to the Detective Bureau for Mayfield Village in 1963, Smitty received specialized training in all aspects of criminal investigations. His service included follow-up investigations on all felony and some misdemeanor cases; crime scene investigations; arresting suspects and prisoners; preparing complaints and warrants for Court; and testifying at Court. During his tenure with the Bureau, he received many commendations and words of praise;

WHEREAS, in 1977, Smitty was promoted to Sergeant and was the Officer-in-Charge of the Detective Bureau, supervising all personnel and activities. He also served as investigating supervisor at crime scenes; conducted internal investigations; and was a liaison to all news media organizations, all local and Federal court jurisdictions, all local prosecutor's offices and all law enforcement agencies;

WHEREAS, Smitty had a long, highly successful and decorated career. In his "spare time," Smitty assisted the Chiefs of Police in putting together and serving as the coordinator for the Suburban Police Anti-Crime Network (SPAN), which includes several surrounding communities. Smitty additionally worked on the Suburban Auto Theft Strike Force, the Ohio Organized Crime Auto Theft Task Force, and the Cuyahoga County Crime Stoppers Investigator's Task Force. He also served as the Department's Crisis Intervention Negotiator;

WHEREAS, Smitty was also associated with the Fraternal Order of Police, Eastern Cuyahoga County Lodge #57, serving five terms as a three-year trustee; he was a trustee for Cleveland Crime Clinic for 10 years; past President of the Cleveland Metropolitan Crime Bureau; past President of the Ohio Identification Officers Association; life member of the International Association for Identification; and life member of the Ohio Auto Theft Investigator's Association; and

WHEREAS, Smitty's service to the residents of Mayfield Village and surrounding communities is hereby acknowledged and appreciated. He will be missed by his fellow employees, other police officers in the area, Mayfield Village residents and business owners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF MAYFIELD VILLAGE, OHIO, THAT:

**Detective Sergeant Donald J. Smith be and is hereby recognized and appreciated
for his over fifty (50) years of dedicated and exceptional service to Mayfield Village.**

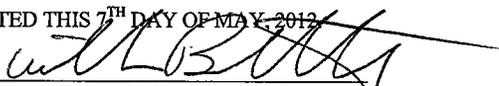
SECTION 1. The Village of Mayfield, its Mayor, Council, residents, employers, employees and officials wish to thank Detective Sergeant Donald J. Smith for his many years of dedicated service and congratulate him on his retirement.

SECTION 2. The Council finds and determines that all formal actions of the Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution have been taken at open meetings of this Council; and that deliberations of this Council and of its committees, resulting in such formal action, took place in meetings open to the public in compliance with all statutory requirements including the requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. The Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed to prepare duplicate original copies of this Resolution. One such original shall be presented to Detective Sergeant Donald J. Smith. The other original shall be placed in the permanent records of the Village as a lasting tribute to Detective Sergeant Donald J. Smith.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall become effective upon its adoption by Council and the signature of the Mayor, or as may otherwise be provided by law.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-14 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 7TH DAY OF MAY, 2012


WILLIAM BUCKHOLTZ, Council President


BRUCE G. RINKER, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM: 
JOSEPH W. DIEMERT, JR., Director of Law

ATTEST: 
Mary E. Betsa, Clerk of Council