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City of Newburgh Police Department Bids Farewell to Lt. Charles Broe



On March 30, the City of Newburgh Police Department will say goodbye to Lt. Charles “Charlie” Broe, who is retiring after 20 years. Lt. Broe spent his entire law enforcement career with the City of Newburgh. Prior to beginning his duties on Jan. 4, 1990, he interned in the department while a Criminal Justice Major at Marist.

Broe has moved through the ranks from Patrolman to K-9 Handler, to Detective, then Sergeant, and was promoted to Lieutenant in January of 2005. In September, 2008, he graduated from the 234th Session of the FBI National Academy, which he describes as “the highlight” of his career. Only one other member of the Newburgh Police Department has ever attended the prestigious academy, and that was 39 years ago.

The best years he spent with the PD, Broe said, were from 1991-1995 when he worked in the K-9 unit. He added, “Also, although the circumstances were horrific, working at Ground Zero on the evening of 9/11, with several other members of this department, is something that I will never, ever forget.”

Why did he choose Newburgh? Lt. Broe had this to say, “After I completed my criminal justice internship here, working anywhere else wasn’t even an option in my mind. The people of this department were, and still are, some of the best cops anywhere; and it is them that I will miss the most.”

Although officially retired from the City of Newburgh, Charlie Broe will still be wearing a badge. He will be working part-time as a police officer in the Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson, and doing some other part time work as well as he explores options in the public and private sector.

Police Chief Eric Paolilli stated, “Charlie’s expertise, invaluable insight and common-sense approach to problems will be sorely missed among the members of this police department. His contributions to this department will be felt for a long time to come. We will miss him and we wish him well in all of his future endeavors. “

Mayor Nicholas Valentine commented, “Ever since I was first elected to City Council, it has been a pleasure to work with Lt. Broe. His professionalism and rapport with not only elected officials and City administration, but with the community at large has been invaluable. He will be missed by all who work in the Police Department and City Government.”

Acting City Manager Richard F. Herbek added, “During the short period I have worked for the City of Newburgh, I have been very impressed by Lt. Broe’s dedication, his capability, and his professionalism. His retirement after 20 years is a loss for the Department and the City, but we wish him continued success.”

Lt. Broe said, “I wish the Police Department and the City the very best. I hope to see the City get back on track, and turn things around for the better.... I truly and sincerely mean that.”