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Pratt named Acting Chief of Police

As of October 15, 2010, *Captain Joseph Pratt* assumed the position of *Acting* Chief of Police of the Mansfield Police Department. Pratt is charged with overseeing the overall responsibilities of the department until a permanent Chief is appointed, according to Mayor Curtis W. McCoy. Mayor McCoy said Pratt assumed the position vacated by former Chief Don English who retired Oct. 16 after 37.8 years of service to the City.

“Pratt’s vast experience of the Police Department’s operations will allow for a smooth transition during this time,” said McCoy. “Under his leadership, the Police Department will be able to continue its long-standing focus on excellence in public safety.”

Pratt began his career with the City of Mansfield September 1, 1976 as a part-time night patrolman. He worked in this capacity for about 6 years before becoming a full-time night patrolman.

Approximately three years ago he was promoted to Captain. During his tenure he has coordinated community service activities and special events, worked investigations and patrol, and assisted Council on Aging with their Elderly Protection Program.

“I am both humbled and excited to have the opportunity to step into this role,” said Chief Pratt. I have been on this force 34 years, and to rise to this level was a very emotional moment for me. I’ve seen a lot of things over my career, and many things have happened through the years, but I have maintained my loyalty to the Mansfield Police Department.”