

RESOLUTION # 1276

**A RESOLUTION HONORING JASON F. OPIOLA ON HIS RETIREMENT AS DEPUTY CHIEF
OF THE CITY OF CREST HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, Jason F. Opiola began his law enforcement career with the Lansing Police Department in September of 2000, where he graduated from the Police Academy and worked as a Patrol Officer; and

WHEREAS, Jason F. Opiola began his career in September of 2001, as a Patrolman for the City of Crest Hill Police Department, where he also worked as a Field Training Officer, Truck Enforcement Officer, Firearms Instructor, was a member of the Joliet Police Special Operations Squad, a Commander with the Will Grundy Major Crimes Task Force, and served on the board of Will Grundy Major Crimes Task Force as Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, Jason F. Opiola was appointed Deputy Chief of Patrol for the City of Crest Hill Police Department on August 2, 2021 and over the course of 23 years of service has received numerous recognitions, commendations and awards; and

WHEREAS, Jason F. Opiola served the citizens of Crest Hill in addition to being an active member of several boards and organizations, including graduating from the Northwestern University Staff and Command Class, a member and board member of the Will County Police Chief's Association, the Illinois Police Chief Association member, and the International Association of Police Chiefs member; and

WHEREAS, Jason F. Opiola during his tenure as Deputy Chief of Police was instrumental in providing leadership for numerous Department accomplishments, most notably responsible for the Development and Internal procedures to comply with the Safe-T-Act, security system for the newly constructed City Center, the continued participation in the Illinois Traffic Safety Enforcement program, the addition of the yearly mental health screenings and counseling services for Crest Hill Police Officers, and collaborator in the effort to host the first Neighbor's Night Out community event; and

WHEREAS, Jason F. Opiola retired from the City of Crest Hill Police Department on January 3, 2025 and has, during his 23 years of service, protected and secured the safety of all Crest Hill residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois as follows:

Section 1: The Mayor and City Council of the City of Crest Hill wish to express their heartfelt gratitude and profound expression of thanks to Jason F. Opiola for his dedicated years of service to the citizens of Crest Hill.

Section 2: The Mayor and City Council extend their best wishes to Jason F. Opiola for a productive and joyous future and for his continued success in whatever endeavor he chooses.

Section 3: The Crest Hill City Clerk is directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to Jason F. Opiola and make the original of this Resolution available to members of the general public during normal business hours at the City of Crest Hill City Clerk's Office.

RESOLVED THIS 20TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2025.

Christine Vershay-Hall, City Clerk

APPROVED THIS 20TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2025.

Raymond R. Soliman, Mayor