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## **MAYOR BALLARD NAMES PAUL CIESIELSKI NEW CHIEF OF IMPD; PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR STRAUB ANNOUNCES REORGANIZATION**

INDIANAPOLIS (2.25.10) – Mayor Greg Ballard today named Paul Ciesielski as chief of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, while Public Safety Director, Dr. Frank Straub, announced other changes to IMPD's command team.

“Paul brings the right mix of command experience, community credibility, and leadership skills to the position of chief of police,” stated Ballard. “He is committed to making Indianapolis a safer place to work, live and raise a family.”

Ciesielski was promoted to chief of IMPD from his current position as commander of the department's Northwest district, where he had served since January 2007. He has over 23 years service on the force.

“It's an honor and privilege to serve as your chief of police,” said Ciesielski. “I am proud of the leadership team we have assembled and the service our officers provide to the community every day. I look forward to working with every officer to make our city a better place to live.”

Along with the appointment of a new police chief, Director Straub announced the following changes to the command staff:

- Daryl Pierce: Assistant Chief of Police
- Ronald Hicks: Deputy Chief of Operations
- Valerie Cunningham: Deputy Chief of Professional Standards
- Michael Spears: Captain, Planning and Research Division
- John Conley: Major, Homeland Security Division
- Michael Bates: Commander, Homeland Security Division

"The IMPD leadership changes announced today represent an important moment in the Department's rich history," stated Straub. "This talented and diverse team represents the future of policing in the City of Indianapolis. A police department that is committed to driving down crime and violence, strengthening ties to the community it serves, and building a diverse workforce while developing the next generation of leaders."

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Mayor Ballard also took time to praise the work of IMPD Chief Michael Spears.

“Chief Spears led IMPD during some of its most difficult and challenging times—but he did so with distinction, dedication, and honor. All Indianapolis citizens owe him a debt of gratitude for his service.”

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