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ERIC GIESEKE NAMED POLICE CAPTAIN

Eric Gieseke was promoted to Captain of the Burnsville Police Department today in a ceremony held at Burnsville City Hall. A fifteen year department veteran, Gieseke served as Sergeant since 2003. The position became available with the retirement of Captain Brad Leach.

As a Police Officer, Gieseke attained one of the state's top honors for law enforcement professionals being named Minnesota Police Officer of the Year for 2002 by the Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association (MPPOA). He served the department in a number of capacities including Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, and Emergency Action Group Tactical Team Member. Gieseke also attained the Police Department's highest award – the Metal of Valor – for the successful resolution of a high tension burglary-in-progress involving handguns.

In the same ceremony, Officer Rich Flaten was promoted to the rank of Sergeant to fill the spot vacated by Gieseke. Captain Brad Leach and Officer Investigator Dan Gilbertson also enter retirement from the Burnsville Police Department effective June 1, 2006.

The Burnsville Police Department leadership includes a Police Chief Bob Hawkins, Captain Eric Werner and Captain Gieseke. More information on the department is available on the internet at www.burnsville.org.

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