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Subject: Retirement of Detective Edward Ritz

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The Schenectady Police Department would like to invite all members of the media to attend a “walk-out” retirement ceremony for Detective Edward Ritz at 1:00 p.m. in front of the Schenectady Police Department headquarters (531 Liberty Street).

Detective Ritz began his career serving the citizens of Schenectady in September of 1998. He has held numerous positions within the department since; most recently he has served as a Detective on the 8a-4p shift specifically assigned to gun related violence and incidents within the city. For several years, Detective Ritz served as a member of the department’s Special Operations Squad (SOS), and currently acts as a liaison between the department and the U.S. Marshalls.

In December of 1999, the then Officer Ritz, was in foot pursuit of a wanted male. During the foot pursuit, the male turned and fired multiple shots at pursuing officers. Officer Ritz was struck one time in the torso, with the bullet also striking his radio. The male was later apprehended by officers from the Schenectady Police Department and Officer Ritz made a full recovery and returned to work.

Detective Edward Ritz has been recognized throughout the years with several departmental citations and accolades and was the 2018 recipient of the Bureau Chief’s Award for Detective of the Year. This is the highest honor that can be given to any officer within the Investigative Services Bureau.

It is hard to accurately describe what “Eddie” has meant to members of the Schenectady Police Department, from handling some of the most chaotic scenes to solving some of the most complicated and complex cases, he has done it all. Detective Ritz’s experience and knowledge of not only policing, but the community and its members is truly second to none. Few officers possess the skill set that “Eddie” did; he could talk to anyone about anything. Faced with the most dangerous situations, he solved them in the safest possible way. When talking to someone who was having their worst day, he comforted them and helped in any way possible. Detective Ritz was truly a great officer and will be missed by not only his brothers and sisters at the police department, but by the citizens of the City of Schenectady.

Please join us at 1:00 p.m. on Friday October 26, 2018 to wish him well in his future endeavors.