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***TIM BELLAMY SELECTED AS GREENSBORO POLICE CHIEF
'Policing for Greensboro's Communities' to be Focus of New Leadership***

GREENSBORO, NC (March 22, 2007) – City Manager Mitch Johnson today announced the selection of Interim Chief of Police Tim Bellamy as the new Chief of the Greensboro Police Department. Bellamy is a 24-year veteran of the department and has served as Interim Chief since January 9, 2006. His appointment becomes effective today, at an annual salary of \$121,500.

In announcing the decision at a press conference this morning, Johnson said, "Tim Bellamy is absolutely the right man at the right time for the Greensboro Police Department. He brings a unique blend of talents that are vital to the organization. The entire selection committee felt strongly that Tim was the outstanding candidate due to his knowledge of the department, his quiet, strong leadership, and his effectiveness at bringing diverse individuals together to form working teams."

Johnson further noted that Bellamy proved himself in his interim role time and again with his steady, calm approach that brought together and re-focused the department on moving forward. Bellamy's attention to the men and women who serve the Greensboro Police Department and the community each day has helped unify the department and accelerated the healing process following months of turmoil in the wake of the previous chief's resignation in January 2006.

Johnson also thanked the Greensboro community for its role in the selection process. The community was invited to be part of the process through a series of meetings held last fall, during which citizens were asked for their input on the qualities the new chief should have and the type of police department they wanted. Their overwhelming response was that the new chief and the department be closely involved with the community and continue community policing efforts.

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In order to achieve these goals, Bellamy has developed the theme “Policing for Greensboro’s Communities” and has set priorities of rebuilding trust and confidence in the police force, and developing partnerships within the City organization and in the community. His leadership will also focus on accountability for all members of the department, reducing gun and domestic violence, and addressing youth issues.

Bellamy is from Hallsboro, North Carolina. He has a BS in Criminal Justice from Elizabeth City State University, and a Master’s in Liberal Studies from UNCG. He began his career with the Greensboro Police Department in 1983 and rose through the ranks becoming Assistant Chief in 2003.

Bellamy is a graduate of the 214th session of the FBI National Academy, and the 102nd Southern Police Institute at the University of Louisville Administrative Officers Course. He is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Association of Black Law Enforcement Executives, and the North Carolina State Law Enforcement Officers Association.

“I am honored to have been selected as the next chief of the Greensboro Police Department,” Bellamy said. “It is my vision to guide the department based on the philosophy of ‘Policing for Greensboro’s Communities.’ My goal is for Greensboro to have a police department that provides professional police services to our citizens, thereby earning and maintaining the trust of Greensboro citizens.”

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