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CPD Invites Community to Farewell Celebration for Chief Stoney Mathis

The Columbus Police Department invites the community to a farewell celebration honoring Chief Stoney Mathis on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Community Room of the Public Safety Building (510 10th Street).

Chief Mathis joined the Columbus Police Department as interim police chief in May 2023 and later became chief of police. Community has been at the heart of his time in Columbus, and his motto has remained simple: build relationships and reduce crime. He has consistently connected those goals, making community a major part of how he has led the department.

Chief Mathis' last official day with CPD will be December 31, 2026. After approximately three and a half years leading the department, the walk-through farewell celebration will give CPD employees, citizens, and community partners an opportunity to recognize his dedication and service to Columbus and personally wish him well before his departure.

Guests may stop by at any time during the two-hour celebration. Cake and punch will be served as light refreshments. A food truck will also be on site with meals available for purchase.

Members of the media are invited to attend and cover the farewell celebration.

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