

## **CITY OF MONTGOMERY PRESS RELEASE**

The City of Montgomery and its Chief of Police, James Napolitano, have jointly announced that he will be retiring effective January 31. During Chief Napolitano's five-year tenure, the City Police Department has seen significant accomplishments. The Department has been restructured to provide better coverage and service to the City; and there has been a focus on City officer training, education and specialized certifications.

Under Chief Napolitano's leadership, the Department has worked closely with other law enforcement agencies, developing plans and protocols in the event of a mass casualty or catastrophic event and assisting agencies in their time of need. In addition, Chief Napolitano has engaged the community in positive and proactive measures, such as hosting Town Hall meetings on new laws being passed and providing sessions on topics such as Active Shooter with church leaders.

Chief Napolitano stated, "I thank everyone – citizens, business owners, church leaders, law enforcement agencies and county-wide leaders - who has supported me over the past five years. In addition, I would like to thank the members of city council who supported and believed in my vision for creating a more professional and proactive police department with the community's safety being the highest priority."

He continued: "One of my most profound achievements has been sharing my experience and knowledge from thirty years in law enforcement to the police officers – providing them the opportunity for professional and tactical development with improved awareness for their own personal safety. I leave the City of Montgomery Police Department with a legacy of servitude and peace of mind that I have given my all. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Montgomery."

City Administrator, Jack Yates stated: "We thank Chief Napolitano for his years of service to the City of Montgomery."