



Resolution of Appreciation for Ron Lee Lantz

WHEREAS, Chief Ron Lee Lantz has completed over thirty-three years of dedicated service as a sworn law enforcement officer in the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Chief Lantz has faithfully served the County of Albemarle for nearly ten of those years, first joining the Albemarle County Police Department as Deputy Chief in 2012 before being appointed Chief of Police in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Chief Lantz will leave a lasting legacy as the driving force behind creating and successfully implementing the Geo-Policing program, which apportions the County into two service districts. This community-based policing model enables police officers to devote more time in the same patrol areas, thereby increasing familiarity, and encourages more positive interactions between police officers and residents of Albemarle County, which provides officers with a greater sense of local concerns, builds stronger ties within the community, and encourages officers to take ownership of the community's concerns within their assigned area; and

WHEREAS, Chief Lantz served the County and the region as chair of the Board of Directors of the Central Shenandoah Criminal Justice Training Academy, which is a Certified Criminal Justice Training Academy under the authority of the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services; and

WHEREAS, Chief Lantz served the County and the Commonwealth serving on the Executive Committee of the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police and the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission Executive Board; and

WHEREAS, Chief Lantz served Albemarle County on the Alcohol Safety Action Program Board for Central Virginia, Charlottesville-UVA-Albemarle Emergency Communications Center Management Board, and the Piedmont Region 8 Special Olympics Torch Run.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors do hereby honor and commend Chief Ron Lantz for his many years of exceptional service to Albemarle County and its residents, the Albemarle County Police Department; the broader community in which we live; and the Commonwealth of Virginia. The County of Albemarle is strengthened and distinguished by Chief Lantz's dedication, commitment, professionalism, and compassion in meeting the community's needs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting of the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors as a lasting, visible testament to the esteem in which Chief Lantz is held by this Board and previous Boards for his lasting legacy of community service and the tangible results from his work to make Albemarle County better for future generations.

Signed this 16th day of February 2022.

Donna Price, Chair
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors