

Chief Robert D. Hess Says Goodbye to Edgewater Park



(With his officers standing at attention, Chief Hess hugs his father)

In a moving ceremony surrounded by his officers (including K-9 Belle), family, and township staff, Edgewater Park's Police Chief Robert D. Hess performed his radio sign-off and official last "Walk Out" at 2:00pm on Thursday, March 31, 2022... and entered "retirement."



(Chief Hess gives his radio sign-off as Administrator Pullion records the occasion.)

Chief Robert D. Hess grew up in Edgewater Park Township. He has resided in town for twenty-five (25) years and has been a Police Officer in town for the last thirty-one (31) years.

Chief Hess began his career in law enforcement with the Edgewater Park Township Police Department on October 15, 1991. He attended the Burlington County Police Academy and graduated with Class 60.

During his time as a Patrol Officer, Chief Hess held many different positions within the department to include DARE Instructor, Motor Vehicle Crash Investigator, Juvenile Officer, Field Training Officer, and School Liaison Officer. Chief Hess was also a member of the Burlington County Civil Disturbance Response Team.

In October of 1995, Chief Hess was promoted to the position of Investigator. During this time, he assisted the Detective Bureau with investigations. In November of 2001, Chief Hess was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and took on new responsibilities which included: Safety Coordinator, R.A.D.A.R. Instructor and Internal Affairs Officer. In April of 2003 Chief Hess was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.

On April 2, 2019, Chief Hess was promoted to the rank of Chief. He led his officers with compassion and fairness. He had an open-door policy and was always approachable.



After thirty-one (31) years of service to the community, the “Gentle Giant” is finally hanging up his hats and putting his boots in the corner to enjoy retirement!

“Chief Hess, for the past 31 years you have saved lives, protected people from harm and had to look the devil in the eye from time to time. There have been times you had given up holidays, weekends, family parties and events because you chose this profession. Your community and your Edgewater Park Township Police Department family will miss you dearly, but you have done your share. As the saying goes, ‘Goodbye tension and Hellooooo Pension’.
Enjoy, Chief!”

(Chief Hess & his wife Cindy, with a cake from the EP administrative staff.)