

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION



Date May 12, 2021

File 3-EVE

To All Personnel Attention

From Major Chad J. Neal, Commander, Office of Planning, Research & Development

Subject Reverend Richard D. Ellsworth -- Retirement

Reverend Richard D. Ellsworth has announced his retirement as state chaplain effective May 24, 2021, after 30 years of service.

Reverend Ellsworth was appointed as chaplain of the Ohio State Highway Patrol in May 1991 by Colonel Thomas W. Rice. While serving as the Patrol chaplain, he continued ministering at Central College Church, coordinated a dozen outreach mission trips to Honduras, and served as chaplain at Ground Zero, New York. Reverend Ellsworth has gained the respect and admiration of all, while serving the Patrol family tirelessly.

A retirement celebration has been scheduled for May 24, 2021, at 11 a.m. Unfortunately, because of social distancing guidelines, attendance will be limited. Anyone wishing to join the celebration virtually may do so by clicking on [Reverend Ellsworth Retirement Celebration](#). The link will be live on May 24.

Reverend Ellsworth has been an integral part of this organization in his three decades of service. Any current, retired or Auxiliary personnel who would like to pay tribute to him is welcome to:

- Send a card to Reverend Ellsworth at 553 Lakeshore Drive W., Hebron OH 43025; or
- Be a part of a special video message. If you're interested, please contact the district public information officer as soon as possible to schedule a message on the date/time listed below:

- Findlay District
Location: DHQ
May 13, 2021
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Sgt. Nathan Dennis, NEDennis@dps.ohio.gov

- Bucyrus District
Location: DHQ
May 17, 2021
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Sgt. Ray Santiago, JRSantiago@dps.ohio.gov

- Cleveland District
Location: DHQ
May 14, 2021
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Sgt. Ray Santiago, JRSantiago@dps.ohio.gov

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- Warren District
Location: DHQ
May 13, 2021
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Sgt. Ray Santiago, JRSantiago@dps.ohio.gov
- Piqua District
Location: DHQ
May 17, 2021
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Sgt. Nathan Dennis, NEDennis@dps.ohio.gov
- Columbus District/GHQ
Location: OSP Academy, Classroom G
May 19, 2021
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Sgt. Nathan Dennis, NEDennis@dps.ohio.gov
- Cambridge District
Location: DHQ
May 17, 2021
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Tpr. Brice Nihiser, banihiser@dps.ohio.gov
- Wilmington District
Location: DHQ
May 19, 2021
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Tpr. Brice Nihiser, banihiser@dps.ohio.gov
- Jackson District
Location: DHQ
May 13, 2021
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Tpr. Brice Nihiser, banihiser@dps.ohio.gov

Commanders are to encourage personnel to take this opportunity to honor Reverend Ellsworth, who defined the concept of putting service above self.