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## **Grand Ledge Police Chief Martin Underhill Receives Presidential Citation Award**

GRAND LEDGE, MI, July 26, 2016 — Police Chief Martin Underhill was awarded the Presidential Citation Award for outstanding and extraordinary professional and personal service to the criminal justice system and law enforcement profession. The Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP) present this distinguished award for recipient’s activities categorized to be of such significance as to demonstrate a personal dedication and commitment above and beyond normal professional duties and interactions. “Our ongoing recognition among the safest communities in Michigan is a direct representation of the dedication and commitment of Marty and the Department,” said Adam Smith, City Administrator for the City of Grand Ledge.

Chief Martin Underhill began his career in law enforcement as a police officer with the City of Lansing in 1971. He was promoted to sergeant in 1986 and lieutenant in 1991. In 1993, he was assigned to executive lieutenant of the patrol bureau and as the assistant commander of human resources. In 1996, he retired from the Lansing Police Department and was appointed that same year to Chief of Police for the City of Grand Ledge, a position he still holds today. Chief Underhill has served as a member of the MACP Board of Directors since 2010 and served as President of the MACP from 2014-2015. Grand Ledge Mayor Kalmin Smith stated, “The City of Grand Ledge is proud of Chief Underhill and his service to the community, the region, and the State of Michigan.”



MACP began as the Michigan Association of Police Chiefs, Sheriffs, and Prosecuting Attorneys founded in 1893. In 1924, with a recognized need to provide more focus on Police Chiefs, the MACP was officially organized. Since that time, the MACP has remained a stable and permanent entity with the purpose of supporting Police Chiefs across the State of Michigan as effective leaders in law enforcement. Additional information on the MACP can be found at [www.michiganpolicechiefs.org](http://www.michiganpolicechiefs.org).

The Grand Ledge Police Department operates with 14 full-time and six (6) part-time officers dedicated to serving the Grand Ledge community with significant dedication to the Grand Ledge Public Schools (GLPS). Since 1997, the Department has collaborated with GLPS providing a Comet Pride School Resource Officer, Youth Liaison Officer, and facilitating *Teaching Education and Mentoring* (TEAM) programming, a proactive effort to make schools and communities safer by promoting responsible citizenship and encouraging positive character traits. The Department’s mission is, “To use every resource available to make Grand Ledge residents safe in their businesses and homes and to use every resource available to make Grand Ledge residents *feel* safe in their businesses and homes.” Additional information on the Grand Ledge Police Department can be found at [www.CityofGrandLedge.com](http://www.CityofGrandLedge.com) or on their Facebook page @GrandLedgePD.

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