

*City of Grosse Pointe Park*  
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**Public Safety Press Release**

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The City of Grosse Pointe and the City of Grosse Pointe Park have entered into a cost sharing agreement for the position of Public Safety Director. Due to the announced retirement of Grosse Pointe Park Director David Hiller at the end of 2015, the two communities entered into an agreement with the current Grosse Pointe City Director of Public Safety Stephen Poloni to administer both departments.

Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe have previously entered into a mutual aid agreement, an automatic aid agreement and a contract for consolidated dispatch services that provide coordinated fire, rescue and emergency medical services dispatching of emergency calls. This new agreement would create cost savings by having one managerial position instead of two individual Directors.

Dale Scrace, Mayor of Grosse Pointe City believes "this unique combination would not only share the costs of management, but would also benefit the two communities through increased efficiencies and coordination. Serving in both communities, a single Director would be able operate both departments at higher levels through initiatives such as coordinated training, more uniform procedures, and joint purchasing of equipment."

"This offers both Grosse Pointe City and Grosse Pointe Park the unique opportunity to expand our efforts and create an even closer working relationship," stated Park Mayor Greg Theokas. "We have the utmost confidence in both Director Hiller and Director Poloni during this transition due to their dedication and expertise. We believe this will result in service to our communities at an even higher degree. Also, I wish to thank Director Hiller for 44 years of exceptional service".

The change to the one Director is effective at the beginning of January 2016.