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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

*Delaware County—Commissioners acknowledged resignation of current Sheriff and appoint Acting Sheriff*

Delaware County Commissioners today acknowledged the resignation of Sheriff Walter L. Davis, III and appointed Captain Scott Vance of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office as Acting Sheriff. Captain Vance has been a full-time law enforcement officer since March of 1988. He joined the Delaware County Sheriff's Office in 1995 and was promoted to captain in 2003.

"We are pleased to have Acting Sheriff Vance in charge. We have worked closely with him over the years on several initiatives and have built a relationship of trust. It is important to the Delaware County Board of Commissioners that the acting appointee have a full understanding of the workings of the Sheriff's office and the ability to offer the office a smooth transition until a permanent replacement is named by the Republican Party Central Committee. Captain Vance will give the office continuity during this change over, and since he is not eligible to be named the permanent sheriff due to his residency in Union County, he will not have an internal conflict of interest. Acting Sheriff Vance, along with Captain Kevin Savage, will offer the appropriate level of leadership to assure public safety first in Delaware County," said Commissioner Dennis Stapleton.

"I'm honored the Delaware County Board of Commissioners thinks highly enough of my abilities to appoint me to serve as Acting Sheriff of our county. I look forward to leading our office through this transitional period. Despite the temporary distractions of the past several days, we plan to continue focusing on best serving the citizens of our county," said Captain Vance.

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Commissioner Ken O'Brien also shared "As a board member, I have worked with Acting Sheriff Vance on both the Emergency Management Agency and 9-1-1 county Boards and found him to possess exceptional interpersonal skills and sound judgment."

Commissioner Tommy Thompson is pleased that Acting Sheriff Vance has the respect of the department, and with the combined leadership of Captain Kevin Savage, they will maintain the office and its mission to serve the citizens of Delaware County.

Captain Vance and his wife live in Union County with their two children. His co-workers say he is a dedicated employee, who rarely misses a day of work and embraces whatever challenge he is assigned.

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