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CLEARWATER POLICE CHIEF'S FINAL DAY AFTER 29 YEARS OF SERVICE

WHO: Sid Klein, Chief of Police, Clearwater, Florida

WHAT: Retirement Presentation

WHEN: February 26, 2010
3:00 p.m.

WHERE: Harborview Center
(Clearwater Room)
300 Cleveland Street
Clearwater, Fla.

WHY: After 29 years as Clearwater's top cop and a 47-year law enforcement career, Police Chief Sid Klein will wear his uniform for the last time. Chief Klein's last day will come to a close with a retirement presentation by the Clearwater Police Department and the City of Clearwater on February 26, 2010.

According to the Florida Police Chiefs Association, the average tenure for a Police Chief in the State of Florida is between three and four years. Chief Klein is the second longest serving Police Chief in the state.

The retirement presentation will be held at the Harborview Center in the Clearwater Room (take the escalator, first room on the left). There will be several presentations and final words from the retiring Chief. This event is open to the public. I will send an agenda later this week.

*******ADDITIONAL DETAILS*******

*** **EMBARGOED UNTIL 4:00 PM, FEBRUARY 26, 2010** ***





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The following information is a surprise for Chief Klein, so it is embargoed until the ceremony is well underway (4:00 p.m.) Please do not broadcast this information prior to the designated time.

1. Key to the City - Mayor Frank Hibbard will present Chief Klein with a Key to Clearwater. Klein is the first Chief of Police to receive this honor.
2. Retirement Salute & Dignitary Escort – Following the presentation, several police vehicles and personnel will be lined up in the Harborview parking lot as Klein exits. He will be escorted to the city line by CPD motor units and message boards with farewell messages will be strategically located along his route home. This should be a good photo opportunity from the ground and possibly the air.

