



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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To Recognize Mark Hardy, in Honor of his 34 years of Distinguished Service with the Columbus Division of Police Crime Laboratory

**WHEREAS**, After graduating from The Ohio State University, Mark Hardy began his distinguished career of service to the Columbus Division of Police in 1982; and

**WHEREAS**, Mark began his career with the Division as a toxicologist analyzing urinalysis tests for DUI cases. In 1993, Mark became a full-time firearms examiner, and in 2005 was promoted as the first supervisor for the Firearms Unit; and

**WHEREAS**, In one of the most high profile cases in the history of Columbus Division of Police, the I-270 shooting investigation, Mark spent hundreds of hours comparing firearms evidence and weapons and eventually was able to link the weapon involved to the suspect; and

**WHEREAS**, Mark served as a member of the Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists and as Regional Representative to the NIBIN (National Integrated Ballistic Information Network) User's Congress from 2002 to 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, A dedicated public servant, Mark has never taken a sick day in his 34 years of service; and

**WHEREAS**, After many years with the Division and tens of thousands of cases, Mark has earned the respect of investigators, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and his peers; and

**WHEREAS**, Mark has served as a mentor to a new generation of ballistics technician within the Division; now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

That this Council does hereby express its appreciation for the outstanding contributions that have been made by Mark Hardy during his 34 years of public service to the City of Columbus, and this Council congratulates him on his retirement.