YSU names new chief of police department

YSU — John J. Gocala, a lieutenant and an administrative financial aide to the chief of the Youngstown Police Department, has been named director of the YSU Police Department, effective Oct. 1.

"Jack brings 20 years of police experience to the position, as well as extensive knowledge of the YSU campus," said James D. Miller, executive director of Administrative Services.

The police chief is responsible for planning and managing the operational, financial and personnel activities of YSU's police department. The department employs 28 full-time employees, including the chief, dispatchers and officers, in addition to a host of part-time officers.

"YSU is known throughout the city and the state for its low crime rate, and we look forward to Jack's leadership in helping us continue to prevent crime on campus," Miller added.

Gocala joined the Youngstown Police Department in 1971. As administrative financial aide, he handled numerous management duties, including preparation of the annual budget, coordination of the bid process, purchasing, and employee separations. He also commanded the police motor fleet, the communications unit, the payroll, and the YPD auxiliary unit.

As a police officer, Gocala worked on the vice unit, handling cases involving organized crime, prostitution, gambling, narcotics and liquor control.

YSU's new police director is a limited-service instructor in criminal justice at the University, teaching traffic law, accident investigation, introduction to security, industrial and commercial security, and introduction to



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criminal justice.

He also has taught at Jefferson Technical college in

Steubenville.

Since 1975, he has worked part-time as a YSU campus police officer involved in dispatching, vehicle and foot patrol, special police problems, and crowd and traffic control.

Gocala holds a master of science in criminal justice and a bachelor of science in law enforcement administration, both from YSU. He is also a 1985 graduate of the FBA National Academy, and he recently complete a 40-hour Dignitary Protection Seminar with the US Secret Service.