September 26, 2022

Dear citizens of Wayne County,

Tom Ballinger has been an active member of the law enforcement community for nearly two decades and is currently a detective in Copley. Prior to his career of police work, he was a soldier in the U.S. Army and served as a commander in the 1st. infantry division. During his deployments in Iraq, Sergeant Ballinger was tasked to make difficult decisions daily. His willingness to learn and serve is unsurpassed.

I have been friends with Tom and known the Ballinger family nearly my entire life. Tom is a dedicated husband and father, a respected law enforcement officer and veteran, and has a passion to serve and positively affect change in our community. I have worked alongside Tom on numerous emergency calls in Wayne County. Many don’t know that Tom was a volunteer firefighter/EMT prior to his military service.

He has always been well prepared to handle any emergency call or task. His leadership skills, direction, dedication, and communication skills have touched the lives of many citizens. Tom has been an asset to every organization he has served.

Tom Ballinger is a dedicated public servant and continues to lead by example daily. I highly recommend Tom and know he is well suited for the challenges that law enforcement demands.

Respectfully,

Mark Burns, OFC