Poughkeepsie Mayor Rob Rolison Appointed to NYCOM Executive Committee

(ALBANY) Mayor Rob Rolison of the City of Poughkeepsie has been appointed to serve on the sixteen-member Executive Committee of the New York State Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials (NYCOM). Mayor Richard David of the City of Binghamton, President of the Conference of Mayors, made the selection.

In announcing the appointment, Mayor David stated, "Mayor Rolison is a proven municipal leader, with a wide range of experience and success at the city, county and town levels of government. His results-oriented approach to leadership, as well as his expertise in public safety, will be strong assets to NYCOM as we represent our city and village members."

“NYCOM plays a very important role as the legislative advocate for cities and villages, and provides extensive professional training for elected and appointed officials. The organization works diligently on our behalf and conscientiously seeks input from its members about the most pressing issues we face. I am honored to be appointed to this position of leadership within NYCOM,” said Poughkeepsie Mayor Rob Rolison.

Rolison has been Mayor of Poughkeepsie since January 1, 2016. Prior to being elected Mayor, he served in the Dutchess County Legislature from 2003-2015, including six years as Chairman. Rolison’s long career in public safety began at the age of 18 as an active volunteer firefighter. He worked part-time for the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office and the Town of Hyde Park Police Department while pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice at Marist College. In 1982, he joined the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department where he served 12 years in the Patrol Division, eventually working his way up the ranks to Detective, a post he held for 14 years. He was elected PBA President for two-consecutive 5-year terms before retiring in February 2008.

Rolison has also served in a wide variety of voluntary capacities including on the Board of Directors of the Dutchess County Economic Development Corporation and St. Simeon’s (which operates affordable senior apartments in Poughkeepsie); Chairman of the Hudson Valley Regional Council; State Advisory Board member of the Office of Children and Family Services; and member of the Cider Mill Friends, the Board of Trustees of Dutchess Community College, the Salvation Army Advisory Board, Catharine Street Community Center’s Board of Directors, the American Red Cross Dutchess County Chapter Board of Directors, and the Purple Heart Hall of Honor.

The New York State Conference of Mayors is the statewide association representing New York’s cities and villages. Since 1910, NYCOM has united local government officials in an active network of legislative advocacy, legal guidance, technical assistance and municipal training.