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# News Release

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## City of Murphy names Jeff Gibson as Chief of Police

MURPHY (February 7, 2024) During the Feb. 6 Murphy City Council meeting, City Manager Aretha Adams informed the Mayor and Council of her decision to name Jeff Gibson as Chief of the Murphy Police Department. Chief Gibson, a 27-year career law enforcement officer, served as the City's interim Police Chief after the departure of the previous chief.

Chief Gibson previously worked in the City of Gunter in Grayson County. While in Gunter, Chief Gibson served as interim City Manager and Director of Public Safety. In this position, the Chief exercised supervisory oversight of all of Gunter's administration, including budget development, planning, economic development, public safety, parks, and community relations.

Prior to being named to that position, he served as Chief of Police for Gunter, starting in late 2020. As Chief, he was instrumental in establishing the department's first five-year strategic plan and redefined the department's vision and mission statements. He implemented a number of policies and procedures that directly addressed enhanced training for employees, as well as fleet management for all city vehicles, and an improved equipment replacement program.

Before this position, Chief Gibson served with the Police Department for the City of Bedford, starting in 1997 as patrol officer and rising through the ranks until assuming the role of Chief of Police in 2015. As Chief, Gibson implemented a variety of practices that addressed training, equipment-related needs, and the health and wellness of employees.

"We are very pleased to have Chief Gibson leading our police department," said Adams. "The combination of deep experience in law enforcement and city management is truly invaluable. His keen insights will be key to continue moving our department's highly-experienced officers forward. I'm certain our residents will be pleased with this decision."

Chief Gibson expressed his gratitude to the City Manager and pledged to maintain the highest levels of service that already mark the department's exceptional reputation with residents.

"I'm honored and humbled," he said. "We will honor traditions and collaborate with all members to ensure we are providing an exceptional service model, both internally and externally. I am committed to servant leadership and the philosophy that our team members are our most valuable asset."

Chief Gibson graduated from Dallas Baptist University with a degree in Criminal Justice and has completed the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management of Texas in management and supervision and earned a Master Certificate from the International City Managers Association.

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 21,200, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income well above the state average. With more than 80 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a family-oriented community with a strong sense of place. Money Magazine has dubbed Murphy as the 27th Best Place to Live in America for small cities, and D Magazine placed Murphy as the fifth best suburb in its annual list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.