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BEAVERTON POLICE CHIEF GEOFF SPALDING ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

BEAVERTON, Ore. – Beaverton Chief of Police Geoff Spalding has announced his retirement, effective July 15, 2016.

Spalding has been Beaverton's police chief since February 2009. During his tenure, the city consistently ranked as one of the safest cities in the Pacific Northwest. The Beaverton Police Department has a \$30 million budget and supports 177 employees. The department logs roughly 80,000 annual calls for service in Oregon's sixth largest city.

Spalding created the first bilingual outreach coordinator position for the department, and has been very involved in the community, serving on the Beaverton Police Activities League Board of Directors with his wife, Diane.

"I appreciate all Geoff has done for this city, all of his contributions, and I thank him for his service," said Beaverton Mayor Denny Doyle, who hired Chief Spalding in 2009.

"It has been an honor to serve the citizens of Beaverton as their chief of police for seven and a half years," said Spalding. "I believe I led a department that served the citizens with compassion, integrity and respect and I look forward to the next chapter. While I have been privileged to serve in law enforcement for 39 years, I am greatly looking forward to the opportunity to spend more time with my family."

"Geoff and I have been talking for a while now and I appreciate his willingness to extend his time with the department, and to stay on to help get our public safety center project back on track," said Mayor Doyle. "We've got a solid plan in place and he deserves a lot of credit for getting us to this point."

"Geoff has been an integral part of our leadership team at the city and will be truly missed but I appreciate the demands of the position and the fact that he has been with us almost twice the length of time of an average police chief. Geoff has prioritized leadership development during his tenure and our command structure within the department is excellent. He is leaving us in good hands."

Chief Spalding has led the police department's efforts to move forward with a new public safety center plan after city voters narrowly rejected a bond measure in 2014. Last week, the Beaverton City Council unanimously referred a measure to the voters for the November 2016 election.

In addition to his leadership of the Beaverton Police Department, Chief Spalding has served the broader law enforcement community in Oregon in many ways and plans to continue to do so. He

was appointed by the governor to serve on the Oregon Task Force on School Safety and he is also the current president of the Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police.

"I plan on staying active, volunteering and serving our community," said Spalding. "Beaverton is our home and I am looking forward to this next chapter of our lives."

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