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PRESS RELEASE

Lake City Honors Chief Dan Schaffer on His Retirement After 47 Years of Service

September 19, 2024 – Lake City, Iowa – The City of Lake City celebrated the retirement of Chief Dan Schaffer on September 11, 2024. Dan has been a pillar of professionalism, integrity, and dedication in the Lake City Police Department (LCPD). Dan’s leadership has been transformative, elevating the department's standards and contributing to the safety and well-being of our community. His remarkable 47-year law enforcement career, which both began and ended in Lake City, has contributed to the positive transformation of the city.

Since rejoining the LCPD, Dan worked tirelessly, often putting in extra hours to shape the department into the high-quality, mission-driven, and integrity-focused organization it is today. His foresight and dedication to service have been instrumental in positioning the LCPD as a model of excellence.

Dan’s legacy continues to thrive in the values and mission of our police department, which is evident in the way our officers engage with and protect our community. While we will deeply miss his presence and leadership, after nearly five decades of dedicated service across Iowa, Dan has more than earned the opportunity to enjoy his well-deserved retirement.

Recently, the Police Department has successfully onboarded two new officers, reaching full staffing capacity. In a time when many law enforcement agencies across Iowa and the nation struggle to attract talent, we are proud of the fact that Lake City has maintained a fully staffed police department. This achievement also speaks to the excellent governance of the City found in our Mayor and City Council and also in the strong foundation Dan helped build, the high standards of our police department, and the excellence of our community.

Dan’s planned retirement was arranged during the budget season of December 2023 - February 2024. Dan's transition into retirement, while maintaining a fully staffed Police Department, is a testament to the city’s commitment of cost-effective operations.

Lake City residents can rest assured that the future of our Police Department is bright. Chief Schaffer’s work to prepare Officer Stephen Hale to take on the role of Acting Chief of Police ensures continuity and leadership moving forward. We are confident in Stephen’s ability to guide the LCPD into its next phase of growth, improvement, and transition.

We thank Dan Schaffer for his extraordinary service and wish him all the best in his retirement. His impact on Lake City will be felt for years to come.