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## **City Announces Departure of Police Chief**

**DENTON, TX, June 25, 2018** – The City of Denton has announced the departure of Police Chief Lee Howell, effective Aug. 6. Chief Howell has accepted the position of police chief for the City of Saginaw, Texas, where he will begin work in August.

“I want to thank Chief Howell for his leadership of the Denton Police Department,” said City Manager Todd Hileman. “The City of Denton has been fortunate to benefit from his experience for many years. We wish him nothing but success and happiness in his future endeavors.”

Chief Howell began his career in law enforcement with the Denton Police Department in 1981. He previously served as a patrol officer, field training officer, sergeant, lieutenant, and captain in various department divisions. Howell was also an original member of the Denton Police Tactical Unit, serving a total of 16 years on the team, including eight years as commander. Howell was appointed Denton’s police chief in 2011.

“I am thankful for my time in Denton and have been honored to serve this community,” said Chief Howell. “I am grateful for the support and opportunities that Denton has provided and I am looking forward to the new opportunities that are ahead.”

The City of Denton will be using the services of Ralph Andersen & Associates to conduct a nationwide search for the next police chief.

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