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City of Kirkwood Announces Selection of New Police Chief

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Kirkwood, Missouri: The City of Kirkwood has announced the results of a months-long process to select a new Police Chief. Kirkwood Police Captain Brian Murphy has been selected as the City's new Police Chief, effective immediately.

Murphy has been with the Kirkwood Police Department since 1987, when he was hired as a Patrol Officer. During his years as an officer, he worked patrol and as a narcotics investigator and detective, with multi-jurisdictional drug task forces.

Murphy was promoted to Sergeant in 2004. As a sergeant, he supervised and trained a patrol squad of 6 to 7 officers. In 2007, he was promoted to Lieutenant, over a platoon of 12 officers. He was promoted to Captain in 2010 and has served in that capacity ever since.

Murphy served as Captain over Support Services from 2010 to 2012. He then served as Captain over Field Operations, which consists of Uniformed Patrol, Bureau of Investigation, Code Enforcement, and City Hall Security, from 2012 to present.

Murphy received an Associate of Science degree from St. Louis Community College-Meramec and is a graduate of the F.B.I. National Academy. He is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and a member of the F.B.I. National Academy. Most recently Murphy served on the St. Louis County Emergency Communications Commission Operations Committee, an interdisciplinary group providing policy recommendations on the St. Louis County Area Trunked Emergency Radio System (SLATER). Murphy also served as a Trustee for the Kirkwood Police Officers and Firefighters Pension Plan for more than 25 years.

The City received assistance from Affion Public during the recruitment for a new Chief and had 59 applicants. Four finalists were interviewed by Chief Administrative Officer Russ Hawes and a panel of department heads.

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