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Little Elm to host public swearing-in for Chief of Police *Ceremony will include official installation of new second-in-command*

LITTLE ELM (August 4, 2015) A solemn and time-honored ceremony publically installing a community's principal law enforcement officer will take place Thursday evening as Town Manager Matt Mueller pins Chief of Police insignia on Rodney Harrison.

Assisting in the ceremonial installation will be Harrison's wife Janice. In addition, Greg Wilkerson is to be officially designated as second in command, replacing Harrison as Assistant Chief of Police.

The ceremony will be conducted on Thursday, Aug. 6 at the Little Elm Public Safety Building, 88 West Eldorado Parkway, at 6 p.m. and the public is invited to participate. The two appointments were announced in mid-July and took effect at that time.

As the recently-appointed Chief of Police, Harrison continues a career that began in 1990 in his hometown of Port Arthur, where he served as a patrol officer for four years, rising to serve as Investigator in that city's Criminal Investigative Division. After his 2002 promotion to Sergeant, he returned to the Patrol Division. Four years later, he returned to CID as Supervisor of the Violent Crime Unit.

His service in Port Arthur was marked by his active participation in the development of community oriented policing, still in use today in that city, as well as the successful resolution of a homicide case which had gone unresolved for some 20 years.

In 2009, he was named Chief Deputy of the Orange County Sheriff's Office, where he assumed day-to-day responsibility for that agency's operations. His supervisory and administrative skills were sharpened as he had direct oversight of nearly 150 employees, including deputies, supervisors, detectives, corrections officers and a number of non-sworn personnel.

He joined the Little Elm Police Department in 2011, overseeing the Support Services Division. In 2013, he was promoted to Deputy Chief of Police and Assistant Chief in 2014.

Chief Harrison earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Lamar University. He holds a Master Peace Officer License issued by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement and has completed over 2,200 training hours. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

Greg Wilkerson began his law enforcement career with the Richardson Police Department in 1991, serving in the Patrol Division, Bicycle Unit, Crime Prevention Unit, and the Criminal Investigations Division. He served as a Field Training Officer, Patrol Sergeant and Detective Sergeant, supervising detectives who investigated White Collar Crime, Crimes against Persons, and Burglary and Theft offenses.

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Following a two-year stint with a private security company in Dallas, he joined the Little Elm Police Department in 2008, serving as the Support Services Lieutenant, responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Criminal Investigations Division, Records Division, Community Services Unit, Property and Evidence, and Animal Control.

In 2009, he was selected as Captain for the Corinth Police Department, rising to Assistant Chief of Police. During that time, he provided oversight of the Operations and Support Services Divisions and assisted with the budgetary process while overseeing the daily operation of the department.

Wilkerson returned to the Little Elm Police Department early this year. As Assistant Police Chief, he is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the department, providing oversight of the Operations and Support Services Divisions. He will serve as the lead in the department's application for certification through the Texas Police Chiefs Best Practices Recognition Program.

A graduate of the Texas A&M Police Academy in Arlington, he also holds a Master Peace Officer Certificate from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. He has over 2,600 hours of professional police training. He is a graduate of the Institute for Law Enforcement Administration and a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He attained a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Leadership in Criminal Justice from Mountain State University.

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ABOUT LITTLE ELM – Little Elm is one of the state's fastest growing communities. Nestled on the shores of Lake Lewisville, the Town was incorporated in 1966, adopting the Council/Manager form of government. The population increased dramatically over the last several years, growing from under 4,000 in 2000 to over 30,000 today. Little Elm's population exceeds the state average in education and income, and is increasingly trending younger and technologically proficient. The Town's footprint is just over 21 square miles and boasts some 66 linear miles of shoreline within its boundaries.