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# News Release

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## Assistant Police Chief to hold ‘Coffee Talk with a Cop’ *Saturday morning chat will be open to all topics*

LITTLE ELM (October 16, 2015) Promising that no topic is out of bounds and no subject is untouchable, Assistant Police Chief Greg Wilkerson is getting ready for the Town’s initial “Coffee Talk with a Cop.”

“Our intent is to put into action what Chief Harrison has articulated,” he said. “When we were sworn in, he promised an open and continuing dialogue with the community, and this effort is part and parcel of that commitment.”

Community members are invited to attend “Coffee Talk with a Cop” on Saturday, Nov. 14 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at La Casa Velez, 2831 Eldorado Parkway, #112 in Little Elm.

“We extend a note of thanks to Luis Velez and Isabel Ramos for allowing us to use their fine facility,” said Chief Wilkerson. “The restaurant is normally not open that early, and we appreciate their kindness and generosity.”

The event will be a pay-as-you-go affair, and several other officers will be in attendance. Little Elm residents and those who own businesses in the Town or who work in Little Elm are also invited to participate in the chat.

“Community policing is only effective when there’s a high level of trust between the police force and members of the community,” added the Chief. “And this type of gathering helps us to develop that level of trust and confidence.”

Chief Rodney Harrison has expressed a strong desire to create and foster linkages with the residential and business communities in Little Elm. He has made it a priority to have officers meet and get to know the people and business owners in the areas where they patrol.

As the second in command, Chief Wilkerson represents the highest levels of the police force and has taken it as a personal mission to nurture positive community relations within the Little Elm area.

Following introductions and some initial comments, the session will be open to questions from attendees. Those questions that can be answered immediately will be addressed, and those that require research or review will be answered at a later date.

The Nov. 14 event is the first in a series of “Coffee Talk with a Cop” sessions. Other sessions will be held at various locations, depending on availability.

“Clearly, we’re looking to respond to questions that may be out there,” he said. “But we also want input from the community on how we’re doing as a police force, and how we might serve our citizens better.”

While there is no charge to attend the session, meals and drinks will be available for purchase.

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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.