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**Chattahoochee Hills Announces Sole Finalist for its New Chief of Police**

**Chattahoochee Hills, GA – August 13, 2018** – Last Friday, the City bid farewell to its outgoing police Chief, Stoney Mathis, who accepted a position in a neighboring municipality. Even though his resignation last month was unexpected, the City Manager wasted no time posting the position and seeking a new Police Chief. The City is now excited to announce its new Chief of Police will be Jim Little, who was selected out of a field of numerous highly qualified and experienced candidates.

Jim Little brings over two decades of public safety, crime prevention, officer training and management, and program leadership experience. His law enforcement career started back in 1997 with the City of Alpharetta after serving in the United States Navy as a submariner from 1981 to 1996. While at Alpharetta, he was promoted up the ranks which culminated in his latest appointment as a uniformed patrol watch commander.



“Selecting a department head, especially one who can sustain the positive momentum and direction that Chief Mathis has taken the City, requires a methodical, inclusive and comprehensive process,” comments City Manager Robbie Rokovitz. “This was a team approach in which the Mayor, a member of the City Council, a member of the City’s management team, a ranking Chattahoochee Hills police officer and even Chief Mathis served on the selection committee that yielded a unanimous decision to make a conditional offer to Jim Little for this esteemed post,” continued Rokovitz.

“It was unusual enough that our departing Chief was on the hiring committee that several of the candidates commented on it”, says Mayor Tom Reed. “It’s indicative of the closeness of our team. I’m sure that Jim will fit right in and will continue to expand upon his predecessors’ strong commitment to highly-engaged community-oriented policing, and aggressively ensuring the safety of our citizens.”

According to incoming Chief Little, “I am honored to have earned the privilege to serve the Mayor, Council, staff, and citizens of Chattahoochee Hills as the new Police Chief and am very excited for the opportunity to become part of an outstanding and engaged community.” “I look forward to leading an agency based upon community relationships and the delivery of ethical and efficient police services.”

Given that Chief Little has some ongoing obligations with his current employer, the City of Alpharetta, he will be sworn-in as Chattahoochee Hills’ Police Chief in the coming months. While his full-time status as the City’s new Police Chief will not begin until November, he will be spending as much as time as possible in Chattahoochee Hills in the interim, to become acclimated to his new position and team, and begin serving our community.

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