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## **CITY COUNCIL APPROVES APPOINTMENT OF POLICE CHIEF**

(KILLEEN, TEXAS): Killeen City Council unanimously approved the appointment of Charles Kimble as Killeen Police Chief at tonight's City Council meeting. He will begin employment September 1.

"I am honored and humbled to be selected to be a member of this great organization," said Kimble. "I am thankful to the Killeen City Council, Mr. Olson and the selection committee for the opportunity to lead the Killeen Police Department and to join a dynamic management team."

Kimble says over the past few weeks he has had the opportunity to meet members of the police department, from the rank and file to senior command staff, and has been welcomed. He says he is encouraged by staff's positive outlook on the future of the department.

Killeen City Manager Ron Olson announced his intent to appoint Kimble as police chief July 26 following a nationwide search that produced 42 applicants. Six finalists were invited July 20 through 22 for panel interviews and a public reception. Kimble was selected from the group as the best qualified to lead Killeen Police Department.

"The feedback I received from the interview panels and the public confirmed my belief that Charles Kimble is the right leader for our Police Department," said Olson. "I have high expectations for what he will add to our organization, and I look forward to bringing him onboard."

Kimble joins the City of Killeen with more than 25 years of law enforcement experience. He began his career with the Milwaukee, Wisconsin Police Department. In 1995, he joined Fayetteville, North Carolina Police Department, where he served as a police officer before earning the ranks of lieutenant and captain. The last five years of his tenure were as assistant police chief. He is currently police chief for the town of Spring Lake, North Carolina.

"My family is excited about transitioning from one great military community in Fayetteville to another in Killeen," said Kimble.

Olson notes Kimble's extensive experience with law enforcement in a military town as a unique and important qualification for the Killeen job.

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Kimble holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Liberty University and an Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice from Central Texas College. He is also a graduate of the North Carolina State University Law Enforcement Executive Program, the North Carolina Justice Academy Management Development Program, The University of North Carolina Municipal/County Officers Course, the Boston University Police Executive Research Forum/Senior Management Institute of Policing and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Executive Leadership Institute and Investigation Command College.

Upon Kimble's start, Interim Police Chief Margaret Young will return to the assistant police chief post. Young assumed the interim position in October 2016 following then Police Chief Dennis Baldwin's move to the interim city manager role. He was appointed assistant city manager in February 2017.

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