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Greg Lawson hired as the new Police Chief beginning August 13, 2018

Tonganoxie, Kansas (August 09, 2018) – The City of Tonganoxie is proud to announce the hiring of Greg Lawson as its new Chief of Police following an extensive and competitive search which attracted 33 applicants. Lawson was the top choice of two finalists after a tiered interview process, which included final interviews conducted by two Blue Ribbon Committees – one comprised of Public Safety Personnel and the other of Community Representatives.

Lawson's commitment to public safety and the citizens of the community he serves made him a strong candidate for this position. After earning his Associates degree in Liberal Arts from Kansas City, Kansas Community College, Lawson went to work for the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department. To advance his career, he attended Mid America Nazarene University and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Management and Public Relations, a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Kansas, and a Masters Certificate from the F.B.I. National Academy at the University of Virginia. He served the KCK Police Department in many capacities advancing from Patrolman to Detective, to Captain, and finally retiring at the rank of Major. During the application process, Lawson stated, "I would lead and motivate our officers to share in the common vision of a progressive and safe community, while continuing to bring the department closer to our citizens."

Lawson grew up in Tonganoxie and is excited for the opportunity to use his 28 years of experience with the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department here. "I'm really anxious to serve a community made up of such great people, and to work at another incredible police agency," he explains, "The folks here have always made it feel like home".

His first day with the City of Tonganoxie Police Department will be Monday, August 13, 2018.

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