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Rio Dell Police Chief Graham Hill Retires

Rio Dell Police Chief Graham Hill has retired after 22 years of working for the Rio Dell Police Department with 13 of those years as the Chief of Police.

“This is a small department of five officers, the Chief needs to spend much of his or her time in the field responding to calls.” Chief Graham Hill said. Hill was placed on light duty on November 29, 2016 following an injury that was recently confirmed to be permanent. “Together with the City, we have decided that this is for the best. I will miss the great team at the Police Department. They’re the best team we’ve ever had.”

Among his and the Department’s achievements, Hill cites the adoption of new technology in law enforcement, close relationships with the residents of Rio Dell and the preservation of small town law enforcement. Hill holds two unique titles as the City’s longest serving police officer and also its longest serving Chief.

Mayor Frank Wilson stated that “The Police Department is one of the things that makes Rio Dell a great place to live. We wish Graham the best.”

Hill concluded by saying “During my time with Rio Dell there have been difficult economic realities to contend with. I feel confident in the direction the City is now headed. There are some positive developments happening that will strengthen the community’s economy and city services to the public.”

Sergeant John Beauchaine, a 14 year veteran of the Department, will serve as the Interim Police Chief until a new Chief is selected.

A ceremony acknowledging and thanking Mr. Hill will take place at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, August 1st at 6:30pm.

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