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Brandon Russell Named Derby's Next Chief of Police

Derby, Kansas – City Manager Kiel Mangus is pleased to announce that Brandon Russell has been named the next Chief of Police for the City of Derby Police Department. Russell has served the department since 1999, most recently as the Deputy Chief of Police. Russell will take the place of Robert Lee, who is retiring July 4, 2023.

“Chief Russell has been a dedicated member of our police department for 24 years,” said Mangus. “His wealth of experience with Derby and his understanding of the community partners needed to help support public safety will be a great asset. Russell has demonstrated the highest levels of honesty and integrity throughout his career, and I look forward to working with him as he leads the department to new heights.”

Russell served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves for seven years while working for the Wichita State University Police Department and the Central Intelligence Agency before joining the Derby Police Department in 1999.

As Chief of Police, Russell will lead a 50-officer department with 13 support staff and a \$6.2 million budget.

“I am honored to be selected as the next Police Chief of Derby,” said Russell. “My goal is to lead the Department in its mission to provide a safe and secure community for all residents.” “We will work hard to build relationships with stakeholders and community partners and maintain the lowest crime rate possible while enhancing the quality of life for residents.”

He has a Criminal Justice Degree from Wichita State and has graduated from the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety, Police School of Police Staff & Command.

Russell is a member of the Derby Rotary Club. He and his wife, Elizabeth, have three adult children.

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