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Lance Arnold selected as new Weatherford Chief of Police

WEATHERFORD (CITY OF WEATHERFORD), Texas - Lance Arnold has been selected and appointed by city council as the next chief of police for the City of Weatherford. To ensure a smooth transition, Arnold will begin his role with the Weatherford Police Department in early July.

“Chief Arnold met and exceeded all requirements for the chief of police position,” said City Manager Sharon Hayes. “His previous service, education and knowledge of law enforcement are an excellent fit for the Weatherford Police Department and the City of Weatherford. I have strong confidence that he will distinguish himself early as a visionary and become an effective leader that our community needs.”

Chief Arnold has served more than 20 years with the Norman, Oklahoma, Police Department in a variety of assignments including: patrol, training, traffic enforcement, recruiting, Special Weapons and Tactics team, bicycle team, honor guard, personnel and animal welfare. He holds a Bachelor of Liberal Studies from the University of Oklahoma, Master of Arts in criminal justice from American Military University and more than 2800 hours of continuing law enforcement education.

“My family and I are incredibly humbled and blessed with this opportunity to be accepted into the Weatherford community,” said Chief Arnold. “Serving as the chief of police for such an outstanding community is an honor and a privilege that I will never take lightly. We look forward to settling in and beginning a new chapter in our life.”

Chief Arnold served as the assistant state coordinator for the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program and was appointed to the Curriculum Review Board for the Oklahoma Council for Law Enforcement Education and Training. During his service with the Norman, Oklahoma, Police Department he was awarded supervisor of the year, officer of the year, commendation with risk, lifesaving award, commendation, firearms award, fitness award and safe driving award. He has been married for 19 years and has two sons, ages 12 and 15.

The hiring of Chief Arnold comes after longstanding Police Chief Mike Manning announced his retirement in March 2017. The City of Weatherford immediately began an extensive search for a new chief of police with the search process targeting candidates through the Texas Municipal



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League (TML), National Association of Police Chiefs, Texas Police Chiefs Association, National Minority Update and the Weatherford Police Department. Applicants were asked to complete an online assessment and then were required to participate in numerous interviews. Final applicants were interviewed by panels consisting of city staff and Parker County law enforcement professionals.

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Editor's note: A high-res image of Chief Lance Arnold is attached.

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