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News Release

City of Snohomish Announces New Police Chief

Appreciation Reception for outgoing Chief John Flood, and an Opportunity to meet the New Police Chief Keith Rogers, will be held on Monday evening, September 11, 2017

The City of Snohomish is pleased to announce Lieutenant (Lt.) Keith Rogers as the City's new Chief of Police. He will be publicly sworn in as Chief at the Sept. 19, 2017 City Council meeting. Rogers replaces Lieutenant John Flood who was recently promoted to Captain in the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office. With his new title, Flood has been assigned new duties which will transition him away from his role as Snohomish Police Chief.

"We are very excited to introduce Keith Rogers as our new Chief. He comes recommended to us both by the Sheriff's office and through the strong recommendation of current Police Chief John Flood. Chief Rogers has the skills and experience to build upon and continue to improve on our strong foundation of public safety," Mayor Tom Hamilton said.

Lt. Rogers started his law enforcement career with the Mountlake Terrace Police Department in 1991 as a Police Explorer. At Mountlake Terrace, Lt. Rogers moved on to become a Police Cadet, a Reserve Police Officer, and finally a full-time Police Officer. He had the opportunity to voluntarily serve as the Lead Explorer Post Advisor when he coordinated two successful outreach programs which focused on engaging youth with positive police interactions after school and during summer break. Lt. Rogers also served as a Field Training Officer, Motorcycle Traffic Officer, and as a member of the South County Regional Riot Team.



Lieutenant (Chief) Keith Rogers

In 2002, Lt. Rogers left the Mountlake Terrace Police Department to pursue opportunities with the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office. He has worked at all three precincts as a Patrol Deputy, Field Trainer, Master Patrol Deputy, and Patrol Sergeant. As a supervisor with the Sheriff's Office, Lt. Rogers has had responsibility for the Civil Disturbance Unit and the K9 Unit. He has also served as a sergeant in Stanwood and Darrington, two of the cities that contract with the Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services.

Lt. Rogers has spent the past four years leading the Snohomish County Violent Offender Task Force (VOTF). This is a multi-jurisdictional group made up of U.S. Marshal Service, Snohomish County Sheriff's Office, and Department of Corrections. The VOTF is responsible

for tracking down the most serious offenders in our communities. Under the leadership of Lt. Rogers, the VOTF has enjoyed tremendous success. He has also been responsible for the Registered Sex Offender Address Verification Unit, which is comprised of law enforcement personnel from the Sheriff's Office and the Everett Police Department. After such a varied and accomplished career working the streets of Snohomish County, Lt. Rogers was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and in January 2017 was selected to serve in the demanding but rewarding Watch Commander position for night-time patrol operations.

John Flood became Snohomish Police Chief at a crucial time in the City's history. Driven in part by the Great Recession, in 2011 the City opted to contract for police services with the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office. Flood was appointed as Police Chief on January 1, 2012 when the contract went into effect. Initially, the proposal was a controversial one for the community. However, the selection of Lieutenant Flood to be Police Chief made for a smooth transition. The original five-year agreement expired at the end of 2016. In December 2016, the City Council unanimously approved a second five year contract with the County. Over the first five years of the contract the Council heard positive feedback from both the residential and business communities so chose to continue the partnership with the Sheriff's Office to provide one of the City's key services.

During Chief Flood's tenure in Snohomish, there have been many notable accomplishments, not the least of which was managing the transition from a city police department to the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office. Chief Flood always made it a priority to provide exceptional law enforcement to the community using the existing police department staff. It was because of this dedication to service the contract with the Sheriff's Office is so successful. Chief Flood was also instrumental in bringing back to the City the Classic Motorcycle show. This show continues to grow bigger every year with many positive comments about its success. Chief Flood has also been very active in the Public Safety Commission (PSC) and the annual National Night Out (NNO) event. This year the PSC hosted their largest NNO event thus far at the Snohomish Boys and Girls Club.



Chief (now Captain) John Flood

"We will miss Chief Flood. His leadership, commitment to public safety and full transparency benefited our City in numerous ways," Mayor Tom Hamilton said.

"He is a key reason why the transition to the Sheriff's office has been so successful. We know that Captain Flood will continue to serve our broader Snohomish community in his new role in senior management at the Sheriff's office. The change to the County almost six years ago has continued to be cost effective, given our City additional resources, and provided talented service."

Please join us in thanking Captain (Chief) John Flood for his 5 ½ years of service to our community, and also to have the opportunity to meet our new Police Chief Keith Rogers by dropping in at any time:

5:00-6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept, 11
Collector's Choice Restaurant 215 Cypress Ave, Snohomish, WA
Light appetizers will be served.

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