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### **NEW RIVER FALLS POLICE CHIEF SELECTED**

#### **Gordon Young to Begin Duties January 4, 2016**

The City of River Falls is pleased to announce that Gordon "Gordie" Young, Deputy Chief of the Royal Oak, Michigan Police Department has accepted the position of River Falls Police Chief.

As per Wisconsin Statutes, the City's Police & Fire Commission presided over the selection process that drew nearly 60 applicants from a dozen states. The appointment will formally be made at the November 2<sup>nd</sup> Commission meeting. Chief Young will begin duties on January 4, 2016.

Dr. Carole Mottaz, Chairperson of the Commission said,

"I am very pleased with our choice of a new Chief of Police, Mr. Gordon Young of Ortonville, Michigan. The procedure used to reduce the applicant pool from 59 to 1 was rigorous and thorough. I am particularly impressed with his creative problem solving, experience with policy development and grant writing. He and his family will be a very welcome addition to our community."

Mr. Young follows Chief Roger Leque who retired in October after serving the community for 37 years, 24 as Chief of the Department. Interim Chief John Aubert will continue to serve until January 4. The department includes 23 sworn officers and an additional 5 non-sworn positions.

Mr. Young had the following to say about his appointment,

"It is an incredible honor and privilege to lead the River Falls Police Department and have an opportunity to build on the success of Chief Roger Leque. I'm excited to get to know the police department staff, city employees and members of the community. My top priorities will be community policing, providing exceptional service, and supporting a premiere police agency through local partnerships."

The City was assisted in its search for a new Police Chief by GovHR Inc, and a number of community members. We are grateful for their assistance.

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