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PRESS RELEASE

CHIEF MCGLOTHLIN RETIRES FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT TO MANAGE CITY

Columbia City, Oregon. Police Chief Michael McGlothlin will hang up his badge and start a new career as Columbia City's top administrator effective January 1st. A ceremony recognizing Chief McGlothlin for his career in law enforcement will be held during the Columbia City Council Meeting on Thursday, December 20, 2018 at 6 pm.

McGlothlin's career in law enforcement spans more than three decades, beginning in 1986 with the U.S. Army Military Police Corps. During his military career he moved up through the ranks to the position of Operations Sergeant, ultimately supervising 26 criminal investigators. After the military, he joined the Fayetteville Police Department in North Carolina in 1994, where he held various positions including Police Sergeant and Street Gang Unit Investigator. He also served as Special Assistant to the City Manager, and was in charge of designing, training and developing the City's Community Improvement Team, which focused on community policing and problem solving concepts and improving organizational responsiveness and efficiency. In 2000 he joined the Zebulon Police Department as a Police Lieutenant/Division Commander, serving as both the Patrol Division and Service Division Commander for over nine years.

When asked what he enjoyed the most during his law enforcement career, Chief McGlothlin said, "I really enjoyed the people that I worked with – and the variety – no two days were ever the same."

McGlothlin and his wife, Jessica, initiated the Columbia City Police Department's Shop with a Cop program, which is now in its tenth year. The program serves families and youths in need with warm winter essentials and a few wish list items during the holidays, and helps to foster positive relationships with law enforcement.

McGlothlin will begin serving as the new City Administrator for Columbia City on January 1st. Retiring Administrator, Leahnette Rivers, said, "His leadership skills are exceptional. He has an

MBA in Public Administration and has served in supervisory and management roles throughout most of his career. He knows our community, our elected officials, and our employees. He has served the City very well as our Chief of Police, and I am certain he will also be a great City Administrator”

“I was very impressed with Michael McGlothlin’s resume, attitude, and character when we first met and interviewed him, and I have never been disappointed with his dedication and accomplishments.” said Mayor Cheryl Young. “We have one of the finest police departments because of his leadership and example and I know he is the best person to take over the position of City Administrator at this time.”