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## **Pueblo Chief of Police Announces Retirement after 32 Years of Service**

PUEBLO – Following a long career of public service and leadership, Chief Troy Davenport announced his retirement from the Pueblo Police Department effective April 30, 2021. Chief Davenport, who began his law enforcement career over thirty-two (32) years ago, rose to Deputy Chief in 2011, was promoted to Chief of Police in 2017, and named Deputy Mayor in 2019.

Under Chief Davenport’s leadership, the overall crime rate in Pueblo has dropped 7%, including an impressive 22% decrease in Part I crimes (i.e., homicide, sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny/theft, theft from motor vehicle, motor vehicle theft and arson). During that same period of time, the overall response time to calls for services decreased an astounding two (2) hours, twenty-four (24) minutes and fourteen (14) seconds. Additionally, Chief Davenport oversaw the judicious addition of resources resulting from the 2017 Public Safety Sales Tax, the placement of Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) clinicians in the field with officers, the formation of the department’s drone program, and the department’s continued partnership with federal law enforcement agencies (i.e., FBI Southern Colorado Safe Streets Task Force, ATF Gun Task Force, and DEA Southern Colorado Drug Task Force). Chief Davenport presented “Leadership in Crisis” at Mexico’s 2019 National Mayors’ Association Public Safety Seminar in Chihuahua, Chihuahua Mexico. One of the things he is most proud of are the many community-oriented policing projects in which department personnel participated, including homeless outreach efforts along the Fountain Creek and community outreach events at local elementary schools. Chief Davenport also made it a priority to establish a comprehensive officer wellness program, which is still advancing.

Chief Davenport was always thoughtful, honest, and fair in his dealings with the department and Pueblo residents. His experience in the field, Special Victims Unit, School Resource Officer/D.A.R.E. Section, and extra trainings including the FBI National Academy made Chief Davenport a well-rounded leader who was trusted and respected by the Police Department and the community at large.

“It is with a heavy heart that I accept the retirement letter from Chief Davenport. For 27 years he has provided exemplary leadership to the City of Pueblo and we will miss him. He has helped mold one of the finest police departments in the State of Colorado and his shoes will be hard to fill,” said Mayor Gradisar. “His leadership skills were apparent to me when I became Mayor and I named him my Deputy Mayor. I wish Chief Davenport and his family the very best during his well-deserved retirement. Over the next few weeks, I will consider the appointment of an Interim Chief and we will begin the process of filling this important position on a permanent basis.”

Chief Davenport was active in the Pueblo community, enthusiastically contributing to numerous boards and service organizations. His service included serving on the Pueblo Child Advocacy Center Board of Directors, Suicide Prevention Board of Directors, David and Lucille Packard Foundation Advisory Board, Cross Country Coach, Safe Schools Healthy Students Management Team, Rotary Club 43, American Legion Post #2, and as Chair of the Pueblo United Way 2018-2019 Annual Campaign.

In reflecting on his career, Chief Davenport says, “We have fantastic, good hearted employees who are committed to a culture of service. One of my goals was to institute a spirit of community connectedness between our Officers and the community. I believe they have responded, and I am very proud of them.”

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