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Police and Fire Commission Announces New Chief of Police

Today the City of Waukesha's Police and Fire Commission announced their selection of Daniel Thompson as the city's next Chief of Police. Thompson takes over leadership of the department May 4, 2020 and follows recently retired Chief Russell Jack. Commission Chair Cheryl Gemignani said, "We are confident that Chief Thompson will provide exceptional leadership and continued top notch police protection the City of Waukesha residents have come to expect."

Thompson comes to the City of Waukesha after more than 29 years with the City of Milwaukee Police Department. Thompson's current position as Inspector of Police places him on the executive team with the Milwaukee Police Department. Thompson's recent assignments include him playing an integral team leadership role in the department's coordination with the 2020 Democratic National Convention planned for Milwaukee later this year.

Mayor Shawn Reilly said he welcomes the chance to work with Thompson, "The men and women of the Waukesha Police Department are extremely professional and have contributed to Waukesha's reputation as a safe community. We are very happy to have Chief Thompson join our organization to continue this legacy."

Thompson had praise for the department and the community he will soon join, "As a law enforcement official who has worked next door to Waukesha for many years, I am grateful for the opportunity to lead a department with a reputation as solid and stellar as Waukesha's, and I look forward to meeting the great citizens of Waukesha."

Thompson was chosen from 40 applicants for the position. Police and Fire Commissions in Wisconsin work independently in the hiring, firing and discipline of law enforcement and fire safety professionals. Waukesha's Police and Fire Commission conducted extensive outreach and interviews throughout the search that began in late 2019.

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