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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Lieutenant Whitted Promoted to Deputy Police Chief**

PAPILLION, Neb., January 26, 2015 – The City of Papillion announced today the promotion of Lieutenant Christiaan Whitted to the role of Deputy Chief of Police.

Whitted joined the Papillion Police Department in 1993, was promoted to Detective in 1997 and Sergeant in 1999. He has served as the Lieutenant in charge of uniformed services since 2004. He will serve as Interim Chief until March, when Scott Lyons will become Police Chief.

Whitted is a decorated Army veteran. He began serving in the U.S. Army Reserve in 1986. From 2000 to 2005, he served as a Lieutenant in the 487<sup>th</sup> Engineer Detachment, where he earned a Bronze Star during his deployment in Operation Iraqi Freedom. He served as Captain of the 320<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Battalion, from 2005 to 2008.

Whitted is a 1992 graduate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. He holds a Master of Science degree in Justice Administration and Crime Management from Bellevue University. He's currently a candidate in the Federal Bureau of Investigations National Academy, set to graduate this spring.

The Deputy Chief position was created and budgeted for in 2013 as part of a larger management plan for the Police Department. Testing and interviews for the position were conducted in 2014. Hiring for the position was delayed until the position of Police Chief could be filled.

City Administrator Dan Hoins made the decision to hire Whitted. The Deputy Chief position does not require Mayoral appointment or City Council approval. Former Chief Houloose formally recommended Whitted for the position. As the incoming Chief, Lyons was also consulted on the hiring.

"I'm thrilled that Chris has chosen to accept this role with the department," Hoins said. "It is a critical part of our planned growth and management changes. He was the top candidate for the job last year, but we had to put the hiring on hold while we searched for a new Chief. So much work remains to be done, and Chris is the right person for the job. I'm excited about the team that he and Scott Lyons will make going forward."

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