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STEVE HASLER SWORN IN AS WOODLAND PARK INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE

On Monday, July 19, 2021, Steve Hasler was sworn in as the Interim Chief of Police for the City of Woodland Park during a special meeting of the City Council.

Interim Chief Hasler joins the City of Woodland Park with over 40 years of service in law enforcement. He has served as Chief of Police in Colorado cities for 24 of those years.

In 2014, Hasler was hired as the Chief of Police for the Town of Elizabeth and served there until retiring in December 2020. Prior to Elizabeth, he built the brand new police department for the city of Lone Tree, and served as the city's chief for eight years. Hasler also served as Chief of Police in Erie for 10 years.

Hasler comes highly recommended by the Colorado Association of Chief of Police (CACP) and has been recognized by CACP on numerous occasions for his outstanding leadership.

Interim Chief Hasler has a deep understanding of how to navigate and adapt to the complex challenges that police departments face. As a major proponent of community policing, Hasler values trust, cooperation, transparency and integrity – values that align with the priorities of city leadership.

"I am so blessed and excited to be asked to lead the Woodland Park Police Department as their Interim Chief until the national search for a new chief is concluded," said Hasler. "The Woodland Park Police Department is staffed by outstanding officers and I look forward to working with each and every one of them."

"We are confident that Interim Chief Hasler will bring strength and stability to our police department while we search for a permanent chief," says City Manager Michael Lawson. "Steve's many successes are a direct reflection of his dedication, excellent leadership skills and commitment to community."

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