



GARDEN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

RICK ALLEN

May 16, 2023

To: The Citizens of Garden City

Notice of Intent to Retire

Dear Citizens,

It is with a very heavy heart that after 30 years of service (8 years as your Chief of Police) I announce my intent to retire from the Garden City Police Department, effective July 1, 2023. I started employment as a reserve police officer with the City of Garden City at the age of twenty-one, during my junior year in college (March 1993). I was sworn in as a fulltime police officer on October 4, 1994. Over the last 30 years, I have served in every division and held every rank within your police department. This city and the citizens have been by my side for my college graduations (Bachelors and Masters), my wedding, the births of my children, and every promotion along the way. This city and all of you, the citizens, have touched me personally and professionally.

During my career, I have witnessed Garden City develop and prosper into a thriving community for which I am honored and proud to have served. During my employment as a Garden City Police Officer, I have experienced some of the most memorable events in my life. I have shared many laughs and shed a few tears with my team and the citizens. Upon being appointed as your Chief, I worked with members of our community and our department to establish a shared mission, vision, and values. Together we developed our current S.E.R.V.I.C.E. (Safety, Excellence, Respect, Valor, Integrity, Community, and Empathy) motto. As your Chief of Police, it was my mission to model the way, challenge the process, instill accountability, and enlighten empathetic hearts. I hope that you have found value in the work we have accomplished together, and I pray that I met your leadership expectations.

The Garden City Police Department is an amazing department consisting of wonderful people. I recognize that my strength as a leader was only derived from all of you, the citizens, and the department members who empowered me with your trust and support. I want to express my appreciation to all of you, the citizens, for allowing me to lead our excellent organization. It was my privilege and honor to serve as your Chief of Police. My thoughts and prayers will remain with the City of Garden City, all the citizens, and the incredible people who serve. I will be forever indebted to this city and its citizens.

Thank you for allowing me to serve your amazing community. I will miss serving "The Garden".

Sincerely,

Chief Rick Allen

Committed to S.E.R.V.I.C.E

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