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Orland Police Chief J.C. Tolle to Retire

(Orland, CA, May 8, 2019) – Orland's Chief of Police, J.C. Tolle, filed his notice of intent to retire from service to the City this week, effective July 3rd.

"I have had the privilege of serving the Orland community for nearly 24 years," Tolle said in his letter to City Manager Peter Carr, "I feel tremendously blessed and honored to have served the last seven years of my career as the chief of police."

Tolle was appointed police chief in May of 2012 after nearly a year as acting chief, following 10 years as a sergeant in the Orland Police Department.

A Willows High graduate, Tolle completed police academy at College of the Redwoods in Eureka and worked briefly for the cities of Williams and Willows as well as Glenn County Sheriff before starting as a patrol officer with Orland in September of 1995.

Carr described Tolle's leadership of Orland PD as a time of rebuilding of the department and a period of remarkable progress. "Chief Tolle's consistent, solid excellence as chief provided the leadership needed for Orland PD to establish itself as a high performance, professional law enforcement team. They've earned the community's respect and admiration."

Tolle worked hard to build community-oriented policing into the culture at OPD. Tolle is well known for being approachable as a police chief and visible in the community; his officers are frequent visitors to local school campuses.

As chief, Tolle embraced the latest in dash-mounted cameras and body-worn cameras for all officers, providing video and audio records of police interaction with the public. The department is now updated with modern technology, a new fleet of

vehicles, new lethal and non-lethal weapons, and new uniform insignia. OPD maintains two K-9 officers with its force of twelve sworn officers.

Tolle also ensured advanced training was available for officers – over and above what is required -- and OPD often provides advanced skills training in partnership with other regional agencies for a variety of scenarios from active shooters to K-9 apprehension.

Tolle said he plans to continue to reside in Orland and looks forward to pursuing entrepreneurial interests locally.

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