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## **City of Oshkosh Extends Police Chief Offer**

(Oshkosh, WI) The city of Oshkosh Police and Fire Commission has directed city staff to extend a conditional offer of employment to Dean Smith for the position of Police Chief. Smith is currently the Deputy Chief of the Suffolk, Virginia Police Department.

"I am pleased with the Police and Fire Commission's decision to extend this offer to Dean," commented City Manager Mark Rohloff. "The Commission and citizen panels recognized Mr. Smith's proven record in law enforcement, and his demonstrated commitment to community policing."

Smith has 27 years of law enforcement experience, with over 16 years as a command level officer. He earned a Bachelor's degree from Herzing University, has attended the University of Richmond's Professional Executive Leadership School, and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

As Deputy Chief of the 250 member Suffolk Police Department, Smith was responsible for his department becoming certified by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), managed a \$3.5 million expansion of police headquarters, and developed as well as implemented their police body worn camera program. He has a wide variety of police operational and command experience, ranging from managing the department's budget to incident command in catastrophic events such as hurricanes and tornados. He also has built strong ties with the Suffolk community through community policing.

"I am honored to be selected by the Police and Fire Commission," said Smith. "I am impressed with the professionalism of the Oshkosh Police Department. I also felt welcomed by the community while participating in the selection process. I look forward to working with the dedicated officers and employees of the Oshkosh Police Department, as well as becoming an active member of the community."

Smith has accepted a conditional offer pending the successful completion of a physical and psychological review. The Police and Fire Commission plans to approve the new hire on December 1, 2015. Smith would then be sworn in by the Commission on January 5, 2016, with an official start date of January 9, 2016. All of the dates listed are tentative and dependent on results of the final hiring processes.

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