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## **MAYOR BOUGHTON CHOOSES PATRICK RIDENHOUR AS CHIEF OF POLICE**

Danbury Mayor Mark D. Boughton has appointed Chief Patrick Ridenhour to replace outgoing Police Chief Alan Baker. Chief Ridenhour currently serves as the Chief of the Stratford Police Department and is a 28-year law enforcement veteran. He began his career at the Waterbury Police Department in 1988 and served there until 2008. In June 2009, Mr. Ridenhour was hired to be the new Deputy Chief of the Stratford Police Department. On March 1, 2012, he was promoted to Chief of Police. Since his appointment, Chief Ridenhour has worked successfully to improve labor relations, increase staffing, rotate assignments, increase leadership training for supervisors, expand the department's use of technology, and most importantly, increase police outreach to the community.

Chief Ridenhour holds a Certificate in Criminal Justice Education from the University of Virginia, a Bachelor's Degree from Charter Oak State College, and a Master's Degree in Organizational Management and Leadership from Springfield College. A graduate of both the FBI National Academy and the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar (LEEDS) in Quantico, VA, he currently serves as the CPCA representative to the State of Connecticut's Commission on Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Criminal Justice System (REDCJS), and is also an Executive Board member of the Connecticut Chapter of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE).

"Danbury is proud to welcome Chief Ridenhour. He and many other candidates went through an extremely rigorous hiring process, and Patrick truly shined throughout the process," said Boughton. "It is my firm belief that our department is one of the best in the country and as Chief Ridenhour takes the helm I know that we can expect out-of-the-box thinking and continued great service from Danbury's finest for our residents," he added.

"I am humbled and honored to be chosen as the next Chief of the Danbury Police Department. I would like to thank Mayor Boughton for this tremendous opportunity to serve such a growing and diverse community. I look forward to working with the mayor, the men and women of this great department, and the entire Danbury community," said Ridenhour.

The mission of the Danbury Police Department is to provide an environment for the people of Danbury that is free from the fear of crime, where people can enjoy a high quality of life, and the entire community can prosper. The Danbury Police Department has 155 members and executes its mission from a new state-of-the-art 75,000 square foot headquarters building on Main Street in downtown Danbury. The Mayor's appointment is subject to council approval.

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