



Town of Sunnyvale

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Town of Sunnyvale Announces New Police Chief Andrew Hawkes

SUNNYVALE, TX (Sept. 5, 2019) – Town Manager Susan Guthrie has announced that Andrew Hawkes will become Sunnyvale’s first police chief.

“This is a very important step for the Town of Sunnyvale as we stand up our own Police Department.” Guthrie said. “We are pleased to have someone with Andrew’s experience to serve as our first police chief.”

A highly experienced law enforcement professional, Hawkes comes to Sunnyvale from the City of Jacksonville, Texas, where he has served as chief of police since 2016. He previously served as lieutenant of the Operations Division for the Collin County Sheriff’s Office from 2001 to 2016. Additionally, he was a columnist for Praetorian Group LLC/Policeone.com from 2007 to 2017; police officer/canine officer for the Grapevine Police Department from 1998 to 2001; deputy sheriff for the Rockwall County Sheriff’s Office from 1992 to 1998; and a communications operator for the Rockwall Police Department from 1990 to 1991.

Hawkes obtained his master’s degree in criminal justice leadership and administration from the University of Texas at Dallas, and a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from Dallas Baptist University.

Hawkes said, “I am honored to have been chosen as the first police chief for the Town of Sunnyvale from such a competitive group of candidates. My wife Tammy and I are excited to return to the Dallas/Ft. Worth metroplex and begin this formidable task.”

Hawkes added, “I want to thank the Town Manager, the town staff, and community leaders who had a hand in this important decision. We will develop a premier law enforcement agency led by servant-leadership with a community-policing philosophy. I look forward to getting started very soon.”

The Town selected Strategic Government Resources (SGR) to assist in conducting the extensive search that resulted in an impressive candidate pool. SGR is an executive recruitment firm based in Keller, Texas, specializing in recruiting, assessing, and developing innovative, collaborative, and authentic leaders for local governments.

SGR's proprietary recruitment and vetting process produced an incredibly strong field of candidates. The Town received 96 applications from candidates in 14 states.

Hawkes will begin his duties on Oct. 1. An opportunity to meet the new chief will be held in conjunction with the Town's National Night Out Celebration on Oct. 1, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Town Center Park.

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