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## **Press Release**

### **Transition of Leadership at Oregon City Police Department**

City Manager David Frasher has announced that Oregon City Police Chief, Mike Conrad, will retire effective May 31, 2013. Chief Conrad has worked in law enforcement for more than 29 years. He began working for the Oregon City Police Department in 2002 and has served as Chief of Police since 2009. Chief Conrad will continue leading the Department for approximately six months following his retirement to aid with transition to new leadership.

“Chief Conrad has done an amazing job with the Department. He has implemented improved staffing levels, efficiencies, accountability, and professionalism, establishing Oregon City as one of the most respected law enforcement agencies in the State,” Frasher said.

Frasher also announced that he has appointed Oregon City Police Lieutenant Jim Band to serve as the City’s next Chief of Police at the conclusion of the transition. Lt. Band has been a police officer for more than 15 years. He began his career as an officer with the City of Mt. Angel and joined the Oregon City Police Department in 1999. Lt. Band worked up through the ranks as an Officer, Detective, Patrol Sergeant, and eventually supervised the investigations unit as Detective Sergeant. He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in 2009, and has since served as the Operations Lieutenant primarily responsible for supervision of the patrol division. Lt. Band has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Development from Warner Pacific College and is a graduate of the 242<sup>nd</sup> Session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

“I have worked closely with Lt. Band over the last three years, have observed first hand his expertise and leadership abilities, and I am confident that he is the ideal choice to serve as Oregon City’s next Chief of Police,” Frasher said.

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