

## For Immediate Release

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## A Letter to the Village Community:

Police Chief Brian Carlson has tendered his resignation, along with a commitment to assist with the transition over the next 90 days. Chief Carlson has proudly served the Village for over four years. Chief took the helm of the Police Department during a tumultuous time--- the infamous New Year's Eve event ---- and has delivered on this commitment to the community at the time; increase community engagement, increase community policing and change local police culture. I'm proud of what we accomplished in a short period of time. We have implemented foot patrols, bike patrols, improved community engagement, have built robust case management that extends beyond policing and includes mental health, and financial assistance with utilities and rent.

I thank Chief Carlson for his tireless work to modernize our police force and progress made to create a social-justice oriented police department.

I will immediately launch a search for our next Police Chief and I will seek the assistance of citizens to join the search committee. More information is to be announced.

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