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Memorandum
No. 2015-64

To: All Sworn Personnel
From: Jose L. Lopez, Sr., Chief of Police 
Date: September 15, 2015
Re: **Announcement**

It has been an honor serving as your Chief for the past 8 years, but I have come to the most difficult decision in my career. Effective December 31, 2015, I will be moving on to a new chapter in my life. After much thought and consideration, I have decided to retire.

After an 8 year tenure I feel that with all your help, as Chief I have led an extremely professional police department. With your dedication there have been many advances made within the department that include the CALEA Gold Standard Accreditation and a Forensics Unit that has obtained the ISO Accreditation. In this time the department has brought forth many advances to include; a Special Victims Unit, a Mental Health Outreach Unit and have stood up a Mobile Field Force that is respected throughout the state, just to name a few. Your outreach to this community can be seen in almost everything you do as your greatest strength is that you care.

What I have enjoyed the most as Chief has been watching everyone of you work on a daily basis and invoking a feeling of much pride knowing that I was part of the best that law enforcement has to offer. The last 2 years have been a difficult time for law enforcement, but together we have weathered it in a manner in which we can all be proud. There is no doubt that you will continue to move forward bringing the department into this new era, and you will continue to be a shining example to the profession.

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