INTRODUCING CHIEF OF POLICE DANIEL SCESNEY

There's a new Chief in town! Assistant Chief Daniel Scesney, 45, has been promoted to police chief by Grand Prairie City Manager Tom Hart, effective January 18, 2020. Current Grand Prairie Police Chief Steve Dye will transition into a fulltime role as Deputy City Manager in Grand Prairie after serving in a dual role for the past year. Dye retires from law enforcement after 35 years, more than eight of which have been with the GPPD as chief. “We were blessed to have exemplary internal candidates. After a thorough process that involved interviews with City Council, department directors, community leaders and members of the police department, we were able to select between win-win options,” said Mr. Hart. Scesney came to Texas in 1998 after serving his country in the United States Marine Corps as a Military Police Officer. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice Administration from Columbia College and is scheduled to graduate in May 2020 with a Master of Science in Criminal Justice and Criminology from Texas Christian University (TCU). His career with GPPD began in 2001 during which time he has served in a variety of capacities including Patrol Officer, Directed Patrol Unit, SWAT Team Leader, Narcotics, Property Crimes, Domestic Crimes, Major Crimes (Including adult and child homicide investigations), Patrol Supervisor, and has commanded both the Special Operations and Investigative Services Bureaus as the Assistant Chief of Police. “I am both honored and humbled to be selected as the next chief of police for the city of Grand Prairie,” said Scesney. “We will continue our community policing focus and partner with stakeholders to maintain the safe environment Grand Prairie residents deserve.”

We celebrated the 34th year of existence of Grand Prairie Santa Cop that brightened the holiday season for our community. The Santa Cop crew provided gifts for nearly 550 families and just under 1,600 kids! 2020 will be the 35th year for Santa Cop as 501c3. Merry Christmas to all!
The Grand Prairie Police Department is dedicated to service and partnering with our community to maintain a safe environment with a high quality of life.

OUR MISSION

The Grand Prairie Police Department is excited to announce its recent integration with a grant funded program called The First Responder Resiliency Program, formed in response to the increasing number of First Responder suicides.

Mental Health and Wellness is something our department does not take lightly. First Responders experience a large amount of secondary trauma. Looking for ways to minimize the traumatic effects is an integral component of the Grand Prairie Fit Force program that is designed to optimize the overall health of employees toward best serving the community.

The four cornerstones are: Physical, Spiritual, Emotional, and Financial. Emotional wellness is met through mental health assistance for First Responders and their families through advocacy and intervention programs.

The First Responder Resiliency Program (FRRP) is a peer program where First Responders supporting other First Responders is at the heart of the program. GPPD will have the opportunity to build our peer program to fit the unique needs of our department. FRRP will provide education to everyone involved to create an understanding of the science of trauma along with physiological strategies to lessen the effects of trauma. Peer advocates within the department will be trained in implementing an effective peer program. Training will be provided to families to help them live their own best lives while living with and loving a First Responder. FRRP is a great way to expand education and assistance to our department. We have to take care of ourselves to be able to care for others.

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