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Dalsing Recommended for Dubuque Police Chief

DUBUQUE, Iowa – Dubuque City Manager Michael Van Milligen is recommending Dubuque Police Captain Mark Dalsing be the next chief of police for the City of Dubuque. Van Milligen’s recommendation must be approved by the City Council and will be presented for consideration at their Feb. 1 meeting.

“Captain Dalsing has the attitude, work ethic, knowledge, and leadership qualities that will continue to make the Dubuque Police Department one of the finest in the country,” said Van Milligen. “It is an honor for me to recommend him to the Mayor and City Council for their approval as the next Dubuque Chief of Police.”

Dalsing is a 20-year veteran of the Dubuque Police Department and holds a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. He joined the department in September of 1989 and was one of the original officers assigned to Dubuque’s community-oriented policing (COP) unit. Dalsing was promoted to corporal in 1999, lieutenant in 2003, and was named captain of the criminal investigation unit in 2006.

Dalsing has also worked in the patrol, investigations, narcotics, and intelligence units and has served as a field training officer and in the department’s honor guard. He has participated in the department’s tactical team and several research teams and served as the department’s accreditation manager. He has also served on the Dubuque Police Protection Association Board and is a member of the Iowa State Police Officers Association and the Midwest Gang Investigators Association. He is currently a member of the City’s intercultural competency steering committee and has represented the City of Dubuque with numerous partner agencies including the Riverview Center, Dubuque County Sheriff’s Office, Dubuque County Attorney’s Office, the FBI, and the U.S. Attorney’s Office.

Dubuque Police Chief Kim Wadding retired on June 20, 2009. Following a national search, applicants were screened, qualified candidates completed an extensive questionnaire, and five finalist candidates were selected for interviews. Each interview was a two-day process with six separate interview groups consisting of police department employees, representatives of the City of Dubuque Management Team, Dubuque Community Advisory Panel, Dubuque's Safe Community Task Force, neighborhood associations, the Multicultural Family Center Board of Directors, and other community organizations. A final interview panel consisted of Van Milligen, Assistant City Manager Cindy Steinhauser, Personnel Manager Randy Peck, and Human Rights Director Kelly Larson. Input was solicited from all of the process participants before Van Milligen finalized his recommendation.

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