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**Town Council Approves Appointment of Rick Pyle to Director of Public Safety**

**June 22, 2015 (Highland Park, Texas)** – The Highland Park Town Council has unanimously approved the appointment of Interim Chief Rick Pyle to the position of Director of Public Safety. Following a presentation to the Town Council by Highland Park Town Administrator Bill Lindley, the Town Council confirmed the selection. Chief Rick Pyle’s appointment to Director of Public Safety will take place immediately. A swearing-in ceremony is scheduled for Monday, July 13, 2015, at 8:00 a.m. in the Town Council Chamber.

The appointment of Chief Pyle comes after the passing of Chief Chris Vinson, former Highland Park Director of Public Safety. Chief Vinson passed away on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, following complications from heart surgery. Bill Lindley added, “Chief Vinson was a leader and was well respected by Town staff and the community. His loss still weighs heavy on our hearts. Chief Vinson’s leadership extended to his command staff and DPS personnel, and Rick Pyle was the clear choice to continue Chief Vinson’s strong commitment and dedication to public safety.”

Chief Rick Pyle is a 28-year veteran of Highland Park Department of Public Safety. Chief Pyle promoted through the ranks to become Assistant Chief in 2008. Chief Pyle is a 2007 graduate of the F.B.I. National Academy, a Master Peace Officer, Master Firefighter, Licensed Paramedic, and serves as the Town’s Fire Marshal.

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