



TENINO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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To the Honorable Mayor Wayne Fournier:

After much consideration, I respectfully submit my resignation to you and the City Council of Tenino, WA. It has been my great honor to have served this community for the past 2+ years as your Chief of Police. My wife, Becky, and I felt strongly in my approach of community policing so much that we sold our home in Lacey and moved into this community we love.

As you know, I worked hard to regain my health to return to my position as Chief after my on-duty car accident in April 2020 by submitting to all the medical testing required of me. When I returned in July to work, I felt I was physically able to resume my duties as required in this position. It wasn't long after returning, I began to see I was struggling physically and as a result of my physical disabilities, do not feel I can safely fulfill my duty to preserve and protect the community of Tenino as both my job description demands and my calling has required of me in my 40+ year career.

I am thankful and humbled to have served this community and am pleased we have been able to accomplish together: the Citizen's Academy, the Reserve Academy, all new equipment, a revised and fully updated SOP, a stable and healthy work environment for our Public Safety staff, and, most importantly, a fully-qualified and competent Police Force dedicated to the service of the Citizens of Tenino.

Please accept this resignation effective 9/15/2020. I still hope to be involved in this community as allowed in the future.

Sincerely,

Chief Robert Swain