

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Town Commission
From: Tom Harmer, Town Manager
Report date: October 12, 2020
Meeting date: October 19, 2020
Subject: Recognition of Longboat Key Police Chief Pete Cumming

Recommended Action

None, informational only.

Background

As the Commission is aware, Longboat Key Police Chief Pete Cumming is retiring from the Town. Chief Cumming has worked in law enforcement in Florida for over 40 years. He has served the Town as a Police Officer since March 31, 2008 and as Police Chief since May 7, 2012.

Pete has dedicated himself to this community with a very professional manner, and has helped maintain the high bar of customer service that our residents and visitors expect. He has served with distinction and gained the respect of his peers, and the community.

The past few years have been a busy time for the Town and for the Police Department. There have been a number of incidents requiring leadership from the Police Department and Pete stepped up to the challenge in each of those situations.

Earlier this year, the Town started the recruitment process for a new Police Chief. That process is complete and Kelli Smith is scheduled to start on October 26.

Pete had originally planned to retire on October 1, 2020. When the start date for the new Chief was determined, Pete immediately offered to continue as Chief until October 23, to ensure a smooth transition, and no lapse in the Town having an active Police Chief. This is another example of Pete's commitment to Longboat Key.

We will be recognizing Pete's service to the Town at the October 19, 2020 Regular Workshop Meeting.

Staff Recommendation

None, informational only.

End of Agenda Item