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Greenwood Village New City Manager Announced

Upon Jim Sanderson's retirement as City Manager, the Greenwood Village City Council appointed the Village's Police Chief, John Jackson as City Manager. Jackson served as Police Chief since January 2011 and was the sole finalist for the City Manager position.

"The Village is very fortunate to have someone with John's expertise and experience on staff and the City Council was very impressed by his ability to work with people and his passion to get things done," said Mayor Ron Rakowsky. "He's got an excellent track record with our citizens and is highly respected in the Denver region. That will contribute to a smooth transition and continue to ensure progress for our great Village."

John Jackson was born and raised in Northeastern Iowa. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa and his Master's Degree in Administration of Criminal Justice from Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas. Jackson has more than 29 years of police service including experience in most all positions and ranks of a municipal police department up to and includes serving as the Chief of Police in both rural and urban cities in the State of Colorado. John is a graduate from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Academy, the FBI's Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar, and has held leadership positions with the Colorado Chiefs of Police Association including its Presidency. John is currently an adjunct professor at Fort Hays State University, as well as the University of Denver.

"I am humbled by the City Council's selection and feel this is a great honor," said City Manager John Jackson. "We would be remiss not to recognize our former City Manager Jim Sanderson and his leadership for many years. What I cannot do is replace the person who left, but what I can do is take the leadership traits and knowledge base that he has instilled in me forward into what is going to be our next era in how we collectively serve the citizens of Greenwood Village and "make a difference." That is what each of us strive to do at Greenwood Village. It's what I have come to love about who we are and what we do," added Jackson.

The city manager serves as Greenwood Village's chief executive officer and is responsible for coordinating and oversight of the activities and operations of Village departments, including 260 employees and an overall annual budget of nearly \$55 million. He directs administrative services, prepares annual budgets, hires department leaders, and advises and assists the Mayor and City Council.

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