



"Dedication, Duty and Honor"



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Statement from Chief Todd Pinion

Life brings many difficult decisions. I am faced with one today. I have loved serving as your Police Chief. I look back over the past three years and see a number of significant accomplishments - accomplishments I believe have made Decatur a better place to live and work.

- Lowest crime in 20 years
- Record amounts of drugs off the streets
- Officer morale
- Second CALEA Accreditation

Please understand that it is not easy to pursue such challenging goals for a city the size of Decatur without the support of our top leadership, our city council. I have heard that this city cannot move forward while I remain Chief. This is only an excuse. Without a doubt, this excuse undermined our forward progress on such important things as community policing, crime prevention, officer recruitment and retention, and many of the items I shared last year in my executive plan.

After much prayer and consideration, I have decided it is in the best interest of the city and my family to take away that excuse so healing can begin immediately.

In the near future, I will be stepping aside as Chief of Police. I will remain with the city in another position.

To the men and women of DPD -

The work you do is not easy and is often questioned. Stay committed to who you are and don't listen to the critics, especially those who don't understand our job. What makes DPD special is its people. I know the resilience of our department, and I expect you to stay committed to this city we all protect and serve.

This is a highly trained, professional department and I can say, without a doubt, this department loves this city and the work they do for you.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve you in this role. It has been one of the greatest honors of my life.

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