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City of Bastrop names Chief James Altgelt Interim Director of Public Safety

3/14/18 (Bastrop County, TX) -- After City management became increasingly concerned about former Public Safety Director Chief Steve Adcock's leadership and managerial skills, the at-will employee's employment status with the organization came to an unexpected close this week. "We greatly appreciate Steve's service and contributions to the City of Bastrop, as we continue to face the City's challenges head on, we are confident that Chief Altgelt's demonstrated leadership and communication skills will help guide the organization and the Public Safety teams during this very important period of transition," said City Manager Lynda Humble.

Assistant Police Chief Altgelt assumed his new role as Interim Director on Tuesday, April 10th. Altgelt has served Bastrop as the Assistant Chief of Police and Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator since 2014. As a recipient of the City of Bastrop Police Department's leadership award, Altgelt has more than 32 years of extensive law enforcement and military leadership experience. He has served as an instructor for the South Plains Association of Governments and the Texas A&M Engineering and Extension Services, has almost 5,000 of training hours from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement and Federal Emergency Management Courses, has six letters of commendation from the Bastrop and Lubbock Police Departments, and was the MADD (Mother's Against Drunk Driving) 2002 Law Enforcement Officer of the year. A proud US Air Force Veteran, Chief Altgelt has also been awarded an extensive collection of honors such as the Air Force's Meritorious Service Medal, Commendations Medal, Certificate of Recognition Good Conduct Medal, Office of Special Investigations Performance Award, AFOSIA Team Excellence award and countless other honors.

After initially committing to tender his resignation, announcing retirement plans to staff, and agreeing to accept a severance plan of more than \$20,000, the former Public Safety Director later rescinded his commitment and claimed the severance was insufficient. "In accordance with the Bastrop City Council's dedication to fiscal responsibility and effective communications, providing more than \$70,000 in severance would have been a disservice to this organization, City Council, staff, and most importantly the citizens of Bastrop," said Humble. The Public Safety Director is an at-will employee, with no contractual relationship, who reports directly to the City Manager.

Assistant Chief of Police James Altgelt will serve as Interim Director of Public Safety until a permanent selection can be made. The City of Bastrop's Public Safety Director oversees day to day operations of the Bastrop Police Department, Information Technology, Bastrop Fire Department, Code Enforcement and the City's Emergency Management Team. The Mission of the City of Bastrop is to continuously strive to provide efficient and proactive services that enhance our quality of life and achieve our vision. For more information on the City of Bastrop please visit us online at www.cityofbastrop.org, follow us on social media via Instagram, Facebook or Twitter. Residents can also tune in to BTXN TV via Time Warner Channel 10 and AT&T U-verse Channel 99 or watch online at www.btxn.tv .