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On August 20th, Police Chief Neil Dadian announced that he will retire from the City of Kingsburg at the end of this calendar year. Chief Dadian began his tenure with the City of Kingsburg in January 2015. This followed a 34 year career with the Fresno County Sheriff's Office, where he retired as a Captain in 2013. All told, Dadian has 46 years of law enforcement experience and has taught at Fresno State and the Police Academy at Fresno City College.

During his career, Chief Dadian has achieved all California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training certificates including Basic, Intermediate, Advanced, Supervisory, Management, and Executive. Chief Dadian completed the FBI National Command Course and holds a Bachelor and Master's Degree in Criminology from Fresno State.

The news is bittersweet, as the department and organization have benefited greatly from Chief Dadian's leadership, and he will be missed. We're also extremely happy about his next chapter. His leadership, wisdom, and dry wit will be missed.

Chief Dadian oversaw several advances of the Police Department, including growing from 12 sworn officers to 25, made possible through the passage of Measure E in 2018. He has helped modernize the department, attract and retain talented officers, and provided steady guidance during a time when law enforcement has been challenged and scrutinized nationally.

City Manager, Alex Henderson, commended Chief Dadian, "One of the best decisions I made early in my tenure with Kingsburg was hiring Neil. Not only for what he brought to the department, but his contributions to all his colleagues, me included. Our community has been fortunate to call Neil their Police Chief for the past ten years."

From Chief Dadian, "I have fallen in love with this community and our city. To have served here is the privilege of a lifetime."

The city will begin a nationwide recruitment in September.

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