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To: Alderperson Hartzheim
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Subject: Action Item/Informational Item

The police department constantly reviews processes, programs, and our organizational structure to make sure we deliver excellent police services in the most efficient way. I want to inform you of the following changes we will be making.

The department will be moving supervision and oversight of the Traffic Unit from the Patrol Captain – North/South to the Patrol Captain – Downtown.

We believe that due to the work being done by the Traffic Unit and supervisory span of control, moving supervision of the unit to the downtown district captain is a better fit and more efficient for operations.

There will be no financial impact associated with this move.

We will constantly review programs, processes, and our organizational structure. We also know that it takes time for changes to take hold so that we can truly determine if the anticipated benefits outweigh the unintended consequences. I will review the impact of any change that is approved and report back to the Council if there are any concerns.

Chief Polly Olson