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Thornton Announces New Police Chief

Terrence Gordon begins his leadership in December 2020

THORNTON, CO... City Manager Kevin Woods announced today that Terrence Gordon is his selection to be Thornton's new Chief of Police. Mr. Gordon was chosen after a rigorous and thorough selection process, a process that recruited from top candidates across the nation.

"The position of Police Chief is an exceptionally important position for any city and so we took the necessary time to select not only the most qualified, but also the best fit for our community and police department," said Woods. Former Police Chief Randy Nelson, who led and served Thornton PD for over 43 years, left a legacy of honor and principled leadership. We knew finding his successor would be challenging. Terrence Gordon has met that challenge, being the first choice among our residents, our council, and our police department."

"Terrence comes to us with a long and stellar record of leadership among the Milwaukee police department as well as the Milwaukee community. He has built an impressive resume as a senior community leader and has a unique and deep understanding of community policing. Chief Gordon will be a valuable addition to our Police Department and we are all excited and eager for him to begin," Woods went on to say.

Gordon comes from the Milwaukee Police Department. He holds a bachelor's degree in business and public administration, and a master's degree in criminal justice from Boston University. Inspector Gordon is a graduate of the Police Executive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Police. Gordon joined the Milwaukee Police Department in 1995, worked in Sensitive Crimes/Crimes against Children, Violent Crimes, and Homicide Divisions, served as a crisis negotiator and supervisor of the Crisis Negotiators Unit. He was promoted to captain in May 2010, and promoted to commander in 2011, served as the training director at the Police Academy, and was promoted to Assistant Chief.

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