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CHIEF TO RETIRE FROM ROCKPORT POLICE

ROCKPORT, TX – After more than 47 years serving as a peace officer, twenty-nine of which were as Rockport's Chief of Police, Tim Jayroe will be retiring on November 30.

“We are so appreciative of Tim’s service and commitment to the City and its residents,” stated City Manager Kevin Carruth. “His professionalism and dedication are exemplified by his agreement to defer his unannounced retirement an entire year to serve the City in Hurricane Harvey’s aftermath.

“He will be greatly missed, but Billy Dick is exuberant about having a new fishing and hunting buddy,” Carruth added. Dick is a retired Rockport Public Works Director and long-time friend of Jayroe.

Jayroe began his career in 1971 with the Tyler (TX) Police Department. During his tenure, he served in all capacities including patrol, criminal investigation, narcotics, vice, internal affairs and community affairs rising to the position of Lieutenant.

About the time he was thinking of making a change, he happened to see a notice posted on the bulletin board at the Tyler PD for the position of Chief in Rockport. Having visited it often as a child and with a great aunt still teaching school in the area, he decided to send in his application.

After his first interview and drive around, he was captivated.

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“I had wonderful memories of Rockport as a child and hadn’t been back since I was 12 years old,” he noted. “While some things had changed, it was as special as I remembered. It inspired me to make a change not only in my career, but my life, too,” said the East Texas native.

Jayroe received undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Texas-Tyler and is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He has received numerous awards and commendations during his career. He is most proud of the prestigious “Excellence Award” presented to the Police Department by the Texas Police Chief’s Association.

An active member in the community, he has served on the board of many local, regional and state organizations including the First Baptist Church, AIM Hospice, Council on Aging, Odyssey, Good Samaritan’s and various Council of Government committees. He is also the lead singer of Gospel Force, a Rockport-based quartet.

“It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the citizens of our community. During my time here, I have worked with dedicated, loyal and hard-working police officers, City employees and elected officials who take the best interest of our citizens to heart,” he said.

“I truly believe that this is where I was supposed to be, doing exactly what I’ve done for almost 30 years. It’s been a blessing,” he added.