

NEWSLETTER

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A FAREWELL NOTE FROM CHIEF SMITH



AS I PREPARE FOR MY RETIREMENT AS THE POLICE CHIEF ON SEPTEMBER 6TH, I WISH TO THANK THE CITY OF GENOA FOR THE SUPPORT THEY SHOWED ME DURING MY 9 YEARS AS CHIEF. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE NUMEROUS COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT I HAVE WORKED WITH OVER THE YEARS. I HAVE PRIDED MYSELF WITH HAVING A PROFESSIONAL DEPARTMENT AND FEEL THE LEVEL OF SERVICE WILL CONTINUE FOR YEARS TO COME. IN TOTAL I COMPLETED 29 YEARS WITH THE CITY OF GENOA AND ENJOYED EVERY BIT OF IT.

I DECIDED TO STAY WITH THE DEPARTMENT IN A PART-TIME CAPACITY AND WILL CONTINUE TO WORK AS THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE SCHOOL STAFF AND STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR. I PLAN ON TRAVELING MORE AND SPENDING PRECIOUS TIME WITH MY 4 GRANDCHILDREN.

AN INTRODUCTION FROM CHIEF HATHCOAT

I AM DEEPLY HONORED AND THRILLED TO HAVE BEEN APPOINTED AS THE CHIEF OF POLICE FOR THE CITY OF GENOA. HAVING SERVED THIS CITY AND COMMUNITY AS A POLICE OFFICER FOR THE PAST 25 YEARS, IT HAS BEEN MY PRIVILEGE TO PROTECT AND SERVE OUR RESIDENTS. AS CHIEF, MY FOREMOST COMMITMENT IS TO UPHOLD PUBLIC TRUST THROUGH CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH THE COMMUNITY, ENSURING THAT GENOA REMAINS A SAFE AND WELCOMING PLACE TO LIVE, WORK, PLAY, AND VISIT. I BELIEVE THAT OPEN AND HONEST COMMUNICATION IS ESSENTIAL TO BUILDING AND SUSTAINING PUBLIC TRUST. THE GENOA POLICE DEPARTMENT IS COMMITTED TO TRANSPARENCY, RESPONSIVENESS, AND COLLABORATION, MAKING SURE THAT EVERY VOICE IN OUR COMMUNITY IS HEARD AND VALUED. I HOLD A DEEP BELIEF IN THE SANCTITY OF LIFE AND AM DEDICATED TO RECOGNIZING THE INHERENT WORTH AND DIGNITY OF EVERY PERSON, REGARDLESS OF THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES.

BEING A POLICE OFFICER IS A CHALLENGING ROLE, ESPECIALLY IN THESE RAPIDLY CHANGING TIMES. FOR OUR OFFICERS TO SUCCEED IN THEIR MISSION, THEY NEED THE SUPPORT OF BOTH THEIR COMMUNITY AND THEIR POLICE CHIEF. I WILL ALWAYS PROVIDE MY UNWAVERING SUPPORT TO OUR OFFICERS WHEN THEY ACT WITH PROFESSIONALISM, ADHERE TO DEPARTMENT POLICIES, AND TREAT EVERYONE WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT. I AM HERE TO SERVE YOU - PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO REACH OUT TO ME VIA EMAIL AT CHATHCOAT@GENOAPD.COM OR BY PHONE AT (815) 784-7120.



THE SOON TO BE CHIEF HATHCOAT WILL BE SWORN IN AT THE SEPTEMBER 4, 2024 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

VOLKSFEST IS SEPTEMBER 6TH - 8TH AT CARROLL MEMORIAL PARK!

RUMBLE ON THE RIVER- SEPTMBER 6TH - DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM

VOLKSMARCH - SEPTEMBER 7TH - 8 AM - 11 AM

BIERGARTEN - SEPTEMBER 7TH - 3:30 - 7:30

GREAT GENOA DUCK RACE - SEPTEMBER 8TH - 10 AM - 2 PM



HARVEST FEST IS OCTOBER 5TH IN DOWNTOWN GENOA! FIND MORE INFORMATION ON THE BACK PAGE





New This
Year...

Pie
Eating
Contest!



Community Activities Sat 10/5

9am - 3pm
Downtown Genoa

- Family Friendly Rides
(Tickets Available On-Site)
- Petting Zoo
- Food Trucks
- Fall Crafts
- Touch a Truck
- Local Business &
Organization
Booths

Fall Makers' Market Sat 10/5

9am - 3pm
Downtown Genoa

Artisinal crafts and boutique style shopping from candles to woodcrafts to clothing and vintage decor! Vendor fees benefit the DeKalb County Community Gardens Genoa Food HUB.



60 + makers