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CHAMBLEE'S ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF APPOINTED INTERIM POLICE CHIEF
Captain Ernesto Ford Appointed Interim Assistant Chief

July 18, 2018—The City of Chamblee announces the appointment of Assistant Chief Mike Beller to Interim Police Chief effective July 2, 2018. Beller has been with the Chamblee Police Department since 1997 and is a veteran of the US Army, where he was an Airborne Ranger Infantry Team Leader and a graduate of the US Army Sniper School.

The City of Chamblee has engaged The Mercer Group to perform the search for the city's new police chief. The process is expected to take 90 days, and a new chief is expected to be in place within 120 days.

Capt. Ernesto Ford will fill in as Assistant Chief, also in the interim. Ford joined the Chamblee Police Department in 1999 and was promoted to captain in 2014. He also is a veteran of the US Army, where he achieved the rank of Command Sergeant Major.

Chief Beller takes the place of former Chamblee Police Chief Donny Williams, who retired on June 29, 2018 after 27 years of service on the force.

For more information on the City of Chamblee or the Chamblee Police Department, visit www.chambleega.gov or call 770-986-5010.

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Located just 14 miles from downtown Atlanta, Chamblee is a vibrant urban city with a diverse community and international flair. The City of Chamblee began as a small rail town and was incorporated in 1908. It has grown to more than seven square miles and nearly 30,000 residents. Chamblee is home to a heavy rail MARTA station, a historic downtown and Antique Row, the vibrant Buford Highway Corridor, DeKalb-Peachtree Airport (PDK), the Centers for Disease Control and a thriving business community with a unique sense of entrepreneurship and optimism. Visit www.chambleega.gov for more information.