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CHAMBLEE'S POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS TO RETIRE

June 5, 2018—The City of Chamblee announces the retirement of long-time Police Chief Donny Williams effective July 1, 2018.

Williams' tenure began on Chamblee's police force in 1991. "I was responsible for actual crime fighting," says Williams. "We were [always] busy. I worked during the 90's, when crime was driven by drugs." Williams was quickly promoted to watch commander, a post he held for 12 years.

In 1993, Williams was named Officer of the Year by the DeKalb Lions Club. He also was the force's first training officer, a position he assumed in 1994. In this role, he was primarily responsible for the training and evaluation of junior or probationary level officers.

The assistant chief of the department was called up for active duty in Afghanistan in 2008. Williams threw his hat in the ring to fill in for him during his absence—a position he got. When the assistant chief returned, he retired about five months later. Due to the structural makeup of the department, Williams was made the Captain, Uniform Commander in 2009. Then he assumed the assistant chief's position in 2012. In 2014, he became Chief of the Chamblee Police Department.

"I feel we have accomplished great things at the police department during the last 27 years," Williams says. "I was lucky enough to be mentored along the way by long-time devoted city employees. I have been around to see many changes and watch my fellow employees rise to the challenge each time."

Williams says he has seen many changes in his 27 years at Chamblee Police Department: the size of the department—there are now 67 sworn officers; the use of technology and instant information; and training is better and that enables officers to do their jobs at a higher level.

"I am very proud to have worked with exceptional staff who made me look good," adds Williams. That's one thing he says he'll miss most—the people. "Coming up through the ranks, I knew people when I was just Donny, not chief."

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.