

# THE CITY OF SUMMIT

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### **Summit Police Chief Robert K. Weck announces intent to retire on June 1, 2020**

SUMMIT, N.J., March 5, 2020 – On February 26, 2020, Summit Police Chief Robert K. Weck notified Mayor Nora Radest and members of Common Council of his intention to retire on June 1, 2020 after 31 years with the department and nine years as its Chief of Police.

“Chief Weck has made a profound and lasting impact on our city, and I sincerely thank him for his dedicated service,” explains Summit Mayor Nora Radest. “The Police Department is better for his leadership and I have every confidence that his preparation has it set for much future success.”

Chief Weck was appointed Chief in 2011 by former Mayor Jordan Glatt. He has served under Mayor Ellen Dickson and current Mayor Radest for the past five years. Radest is expected to announce his successor in early April.

“It has been an honor and privilege to lead the Summit Police Department for the past nine years,” explains Chief Weck. “It is through the dedication and teamwork of some of the finest law enforcement professionals in the country that I leave behind a police department that is rich with notable achievements and a succession plan to ensure its future success. It was a difficult decision to make but after 31 years with the department, I look forward to this next chapter of my life. Over the next three months, I will work closely with the city and SPD administration to secure a smooth transition of authority.”

Chief Weck is credited with facilitating initiatives to increase youth programs and community outreach and partnerships, promote safety and keep crime rates in Summit low. He established a Community Policing Unit and reinstated a Traffic Safety Unit that includes motorcycle patrols. During his tenure as Chief of Police, he has been the recipient of TransOptions Government Official of the Year Award, Boy Scouts of America Good Scout Award, Summit Keeper of the Dream Award and Summit Star of Excellence Award.

A formal statement by Chief Weck in the form of letter to the community will be sent closer to his planned retirement date of June 1.

Additional information on the Summit Police Department is available on the City of Summit [website](#).

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