



Town of Taos  
**PRESS RELEASE**  
400 Camino de la Placita, Taos, NM 87571  
(575) 751-2002

**For Immediate Release**

**Contact:** Town of Taos Human Resources Director, Tamara Chavez ([tchavez@taosgov.com](mailto:tchavez@taosgov.com)) (575)751-2011 or Rick Bellis, Town Manager ([rbellis@taosgov.com](mailto:rbellis@taosgov.com)), (575) 751-2002.

**PRESS RELEASE**

**TOWN TO HOLD PUBLIC RECEPTION AND OPEN QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION TODAY FOR PUBLIC WITH CANDIDATE FOR POLICE CHIEF**

April 21, 2016 - Town of Taos Mayor Dan Barrone has announced that the Town will hold a reception at the Town Council Chambers at 5:30 pm today for the public to meet the candidate being proposed by the Mayor for Police Chief, to replace recently retired David Weaver.

The reception, with light snacks, will be followed by an open forum from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm for the public to be able to hear the qualifications of Police Chief Nominee Randall Parmer, a 34 year career law enforcement officer, as well as ask questions of the candidate.

Mr. Parmer will spend the day prior to the reception and forum meeting the Town Management Team, meeting with the Mayor, former Police Chief David Weaver and Acting Police Chief David Maggio, participating in a walking tour of the Town and meeting with local businesses and area law enforcement agencies. A lunch will be held for Parmer to meet all Taos Police Officers and local law enforcement agency leaders.

Tomorrow, Parmer will be riding along with Town of Taos Police Department Officers to observe local police protocol and to get to know Town procedures, followed by meeting with additional community and business leaders.

Randall Parmer spent 31 year with the Jacksonville, Florida Sheriff's Office, rising from Police Officer to Lieutenant, serving as Detective Unit Commanding Officer, Bomb Squad Commanding Officer, Intelligence Unit Commanding Officer, SWAT Team Commanding Officer, Narcotics Unit Commanding Officer, and patrol Watch Commander before retiring to become Assistant Chief of Police and Interim Chief of Police for the Duval County School Police Department.

Parmer was one of a final five candidates selected from a pool of 35 applicants for the position and referred to the Mayor a screening committee comprised of Town and regional law enforcement, government and human resources personnel.

The Mayor interviewed three of the five finalists and, after reference checks, background checks and additional screening, selected Parmer as being the most qualified candidate for the position.

“I believe that Randall Parmer represents the level of integrity, professionalism and community commitment that we came to expect from former Chief Weaver, and brings a depth of leadership and professional skills across all areas of law enforcement that will allow us to take our police department to the next level in the future”.

Former Police Chief David Weaver, who was part of the team selecting his successor, stated, “I believe that Mr. Parmer is the perfect candidate for our community and where our department is at this point in time. He will be a great fit”.

Mr. Parmer holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Workforce Education from Southern Illinois University and is both a certified Police Officer and certified Corrections Officer with the State of Florida, has 34 years in law enforcement, with 22 years in command positions as a Sargent, Lieutenant, Assistant Chief and Interim Chief, and was a member of the Florida Police Chief’s Association, Regional Domestic Security Task Force, Mayor’s Neighborhood Blight Committee, Joint Terrorism Task Force, NAACP Education Committee and Facing Futures Foundation, holds training and certifications Street Gang Investigation, Criminal Investigation, Internet and Social Media Investigation, SWAT Supervision and Command, Leadership development, Cultural Competency, Drug Unit Commander, FBI Bomb Squad, FEMA/Homeland Security ICS Incident Command, Dignitary Protection, and over a dozen other areas.

The Press Contacts for this release of for further information are Town of Taos Human Resources Director, Tamara Chavez (575)751-2011 ([tchavez@taosgov.com](mailto:tchavez@taosgov.com)) or Rick Bellis, Town Manager ([rbellis@taosgov.com](mailto:rbellis@taosgov.com)), (575) 751-2002.

-End-



**TOWN OF TAOS GOVERNING BODY**

Mayor Daniel R. Barrone  
Mayor Pro Tem Judith Y. Cantu  
Councilmember George “Fritz” Hahn  
Councilmember Nathaniel Evans  
Councilmember Darien D. Fernandez

400 Camino de la Placita  
Taos, New Mexico 87571  
(575) 751-2002

Town Hall Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Visit us on our website: [www.taosgov.com](http://www.taosgov.com)