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Press Release from Grinnell City Manager Russell L. Behrens

Grinnell Chief of Police Jody Matherly has accepted the Chief of Police position with the City of Altoona, Iowa. Chief Matherly has worked for the city of Grinnell since April 7, 2003. Matherly's resignation is effective January 13, 2012.

An extensive recruitment, selection, and hiring process will begin immediately; we will be seeking both the input and involvement of the community at various points in this process. The process will be led and managed by the City Manager with guidance from the Grinnell Civil Service Commission and City Council. Captain Theresa Petersen will serve as interim Chief of Police until the position is filled permanently.

Much to the credit of Matherly, our Police Department is in a substantially better position than when he was hired over eight years ago. The department is now housed in a quality facility, employee grievances are non-existent, relations between the fire and police departments are excellent, the department is well trained, well equipped and adequately staffed. This will help to attract quality applicants to the position.

It is expected that a new Chief of Police for Grinnell will be named by April 1, 2012.