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ANNISTON ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF CLINT PARRIS AS CHIEF OF POLICE

ANNISTON, AL – On January 8, 2026, Anniston City Manager, Kenneth Free, announced the selection of a new Police Chief to lead the Anniston Police Department following a comprehensive and competitive search process.

After careful consideration of numerous highly qualified candidates, the City Manager has selected **William “Clint” Parris** to serve as Anniston’s next Police Chief, citing his demonstrated leadership, professional integrity, and long-standing commitment to the Anniston community.

“Chief Parris brings the experience, judgment, and vision necessary to lead the Anniston Police Department into its next chapter,” said Mr. Free. *“Throughout the selection process, it was clear that Chief Parris understands the importance of accountability, transparency, and building trust between law enforcement and the community we serve.”*

Chief Parris has served with the Anniston Police Department for more than 26 years, having been hired on April 9, 1999. Over the course of his career, he has worked his way through the ranks, serving as a patrol officer, field training officer, investigator, and supervisor.

During his nine years in the Patrol Division, Chief Parris gained extensive experience working with officers of all backgrounds while serving as a Field Training Officer. He later transferred to the Investigative Division, where he worked both property crimes and crimes against persons. While in investigations, Chief Parris successfully handled numerous high-profile cases, developing a strong ability to work with victims and the public during some of the most challenging moments of their lives.

After being promoted to a supervisory role, Chief Parris used those experiences to effectively manage personnel, mentor officers, and instill the lessons he learned throughout his career — a commitment he continues to uphold today.

To welcome the new Police Chief, the City of Anniston will host a Meet and Greet on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The event will be held at the Anniston Police Department Municipal Courtroom, located at 174 West 13th Street, Anniston, AL 36201. Members of the public are encouraged to attend and personally meet Chief Parris.

The Anniston Police Department, located at 174 West 13th Street, is a municipal law enforcement agency with 92 sworn officers and 7 civilian positions. The department provides law enforcement and related services throughout the City of Anniston, including the city limits and police jurisdiction.



