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Community Meeting April 12th to Discuss Next Chief of Police

After thirty nine years in law enforcement, including fourteen years with the New Richmond Police Department, Chief Mark Samelstad recently announced his retirement. The selection process for the City of New Richmond's next Chief of Police is now underway. A community meeting has been scheduled for **Tuesday, April 12th at 5:00 pm in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center**. The meeting is an opportunity for residents to share what qualities they hope to see in the next Chief of Police, what issues they feel the next Chief of Police should focus on, and how they would like to see the next Chief of Police engage with the community.

"This is a very important hiring decision by the Police and Fire Commission," said City Administrator Mike Darrow. "The next Chief of Police will play a crucial role in ensuring public safety remains a top priority as the City of New Richmond continues to grow in the years to come. We look forward to hearing from the community at this meeting and incorporating their feedback."

The qualifications and application packet for the position was published on March 10th. Applications are due April 11th. Following an initial review of applications, two rounds of interviews will be held. The next Chief of Police could be named as soon as early May.

If you have questions about the community meeting, please contact Kari Kraft, HR Manager/Executive Assistant for the City of New Richmond, at 715-246-4268 or by email at kkraft@newrichmondwi.gov.