



## The City of York Pennsylvania

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PRESS RELEASE

### CHIEF TROY BANKERT TO RETIRE AFTER 21 YEARS OF SERVICE TO CITY OF YORK

**(July 23, 2019) York, PA** — Today Mayor Michael Helfrich announces the planned retirement of Chief Troy Bankert from the York City Police Department. Chief Bankert was named Interim Chief of the York City Police Department on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 and appointed as Chief of the York City Police Department on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018. His retirement will be effective January of 2020.

***“It is only after careful reflection that this decision has been made. Our grandchildren live in Florida, along with other family members, and our daughter will be moving there next year. Therefore, after much thought and careful consideration my wife and I have decided to join them.”*** Bankert said.

Chief Bankert is a York City native who spent his entire life in service to his community, through his service in the United States Air Force, his college teaching career, and his 21 year tenure with the York City Police Department. During his time with the Department, Chief Bankert has risen through the ranks and worked in all divisions, including patrol, investigative, and administrative.

Chief Bankert has created numerous initiatives that will continue on under the next Chief's leadership. Education and development of our youth has always been a focus of Chief Bankert, highlighted by the department's collaboration with the York City School District on their new public safety academy and by his recruitment plan to diversify the future makeup of the York City Police Department. Furthermore, the relationships that have been developed throughout the community, and specifically with some amazing local leaders, have built a trust and respect that has never been seen before in York City. Lastly, the collaboration we have had with other local, county, state, and federal law enforcement agencies now provides us with resources and manpower that were never before accessible.

One of the main purposes for this early notice by Chief Bankert is to ensure that a smooth and responsible transition can be made. Chief Bankert's efforts over the last few years, specifically with the Group Violence Initiative, are widely recognized within and outside of the department, and will continue as the Mayor supports efforts in the reduction of gun



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violence and improved policing.

Mayor Michael Helfrich, on Tuesday, said **“Chief Bankert’s determination to make York City a safe place for himself, his family, friends, coworkers, residents, and visitors can never be questioned. We thank him for it. While his retirement is well-deserved, he will be missed.”**

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