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## **City of Brentwood Officials Appoint New Police Chief**

**Brentwood, Missouri – March 5, 2018** – After a nationwide search, the City of Brentwood has a new police chief: **Major Joseph L. Spiess, Jr.**, formerly of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department.

Mayor Chris Thornton appointed Spiess as Brentwood Police Chief on March 5, 2018, and the Board of Aldermen approved the appointment unanimously.

Spiess retired from the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department in 2015 after 32 years as a police officer in the St. Louis community. Since 2012, he has provided training and site assessments on workplace and school violence prevention strategies through his business, JLS Consulting. In 2015, he co-founded Blue Line Technology. Spiess has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Saint Louis University and a graduate degree in management from Webster University. He is a graduate of the St. Louis Police Academy.

“Major Spiess’ extensive law enforcement experience and commitment to officer training and evaluation will be an asset to the Brentwood Police Department,” said Mayor Thornton. “He has a passion for safety and proven success in implementing new strategies to reduce crime. We are pleased to welcome him to our community.”

A task force of Brentwood community members played a central role in evaluating the candidates for the position. This community-based assessment process involved screening resumes using a standardized methodology, and conducting telephone interviews and in-person interviews using standardized questions and scoring criteria. CPSM/PMG Chief Selection Advantage assisted the City of Brentwood in this search process.

Spiess begins his role March 12, 2018.

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