

Wathena chief of police resigns

**(KNZA)--The Doniphan County community of Wathena will be searching for a new chief of police.**

**Jared Ratzlaff announced his resignation from the position in an open letter to the residents of Wathena, which was posted October 14 on the police department's Facebook page.**

**Ratzlaff, who has been in law enforcement since 2004, has held the position since May, 2018.**

**In his letter, Ratzlaff said after a long conversation with his family it was decided it was best thing for his family that he resign.**

**Ratzlaff thanked everyone for the support they have shown his family since moving to the community.**

**He cited several accomplishments during his tenure in Wathena---including the creation of the 1st National Night Out event and relationships he has built with several businesses in town and the Riverside School District.**

**Ratzlaff will be joining the Doniphan County Sheriff's Department and plans to continue living in Wathena,.**

***Editor's note: the following is the letter Ratzlaff posted.***

### **Citizens of Wathena**

**After a long conversation with my family, we have decided the best thing for us is for me to resign from the position of Chief of Police. I want to say thank you to everyone for the support they have shown my family and I since we moved to this wonderful community. We absolutely love it here and it is for this reason we will remain living here.**

**While working with you we have created some wonderful things in town. The 1st National Night Out was held and a great success. This program is not going to end, I assure you. I have also built a relationship with several businesses in town and with Riverside School District. The relationship I have with the faculty and students alike is simply amazing.**

**I have been able to work with different groups and help to bring different programs to our small community and we should all be proud of these small accomplishments. I look forward to continuing these relationships and programs**

**as a member of the Doniphan County Sheriff Department.**

**Thank you again for your support and I look forward of continuing to work with you to make my new home the best little town in Kansas.**

**Everyone should be very proud to say they are from Wathena, I can't wait to watch these great traditions grow.**

**Jared Ratzlaff**

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