



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Raeanne Danielowski
Big Lake City Council Members
City Administrator Jessica Green

From: Chief Joel D. Scharf

Date: March 12, 2014

Subject: Submittal of 2013 Annual Report

It is with my sincere pleasure that I present to you, our annual report for the 2013 year. 2013 was my first full year as your Chief of Police, it continued to be a year of massive change within the Big Lake Police Department. As I reflect on the past year, it's difficult to imagine how it went so fast, the amount of progress we achieved, and the fact none of it would be possible without all of the members of the Big Lake Police Department working together.

The past year continued to show change within in leadership in the Big Lake Police Department, but not at the Chief level. The position of Lieutenant was created and implemented, adding a second supervisor to oversee the patrol division, and in the absence of the Chief, departmental operations. Lieutenant Sam Olson was selected for this position, and has proven to be a solid fit.

2013 proved to be a year of change regarding equipment and technology in the department. A new capitol replacement plan was developed and implemented, providing for long range planning of capitol item replacements. I am proud to say in the past year we were able to bring up to date all; in squad computers, mobile video recorders and server, office computers, forensic computers, patrol rifles and firearms, and state data connection system. We sit in an excellent position with technology today, and moving into the future.

I continue to be impressed every day with the level of professionalism exemplified by members of the Big Lake Police Department, as of today they bring our community 110 years of combined experience. This is a great community, we are blessed with a solid team of professionals here at the Big Lake Police Department, and we can only look forward to what the future holds for us. At the same time we are grateful for the support given to us from the Big Lake City Council, and the community of Big Lake as a whole.

It is a true pleasure to serve as your Chief of Police.