




CITY OF VENICE POLICE DEPARTMENT



CHARLIE THORPE * Police Chief

TO: Human Resources Director A. Bullock
FROM: Chief Charlie Thorpe 
DATE: 11/18/24
SUBJECT: Police Chief Candidate

It is my understanding that the closure of internal candidates for the position of police chief has occurred, and that VPD Captain Andy Leisenring is the sole applicant.

Please consider this memo as my full endorsement of this candidate for the position. Captain Leisenring is verified as having the necessary education and experience for the job of Venice Police Chief. We have worked very closely together during the past few years, and I can attest that his dedication to the VPD and its staff has been proven time and again. Additionally, I have always counted on his institutional knowledge when needed and I have always been impressed with his ability to provide general Venice and Venice Police Department background information to help address issues or concerns.

Captain Leisenring has long established himself in the area as a great public servant to Venice and the surrounding public safety community. I have no doubt that he will continue to provide thoughtful, innovative, and proper police services to our community for years to come.

Thank you for any consideration that you and the City Manager may give this endorsement, and I wish you great confidence in this choice.