

Fort Worth holds our police department and its officers to a higher standard than many, and that as it should be. This is why the off-duty actions of some officers receive attention. Unfortunately, many times the poor choices and acts of a few overshadow the good deeds and performance of most. Police are human and consequently make human mistakes. When those mistakes are egregious, they should be punished accordingly. We are confident Chief Halstead and every officer of the police department accepts this responsibility of holding those who violate the principles and policies that have been established to the proper consequences.

We have an exceptional Police Chief in Jeff Halstead and our police department is comprised of men and women who serve this community with excellence every day.

Our city is growing at a rate that outpaces most cities. Chief Halstead and his command staff are working diligently to meet the growing demands of policing which include hiring and managing a growing force that serves us, the citizens, with respect, dedication and excellence. Jeff Halstead clearly understands what leadership is and has demonstrated that leadership during his time in Fort Worth. In time, naysayers will come to this same realization.

You pose the question if Jeff Halstead is up to the task of being Chief; we say unequivocally - <u>yes</u>.

Sincerely,

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