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Passing of Locust Police Chief Steven R Smith

It is with extreme sadness and a heavy heart that the City of Locust City Council announces the sudden passing of Chief of Police Steven Smith. Preliminary indications are that his death is due to natural causes.

Chief Smith began his career in law enforcement in 1997 as a reserve officer with the Locust Police Department. He became a full-time police officer for Locust PD in 1998, and then worked with the Monroe and Kannapolis Police Departments prior to returning to the Locust Police Department in 2007. Chief Smith honorably served the citizens of Locust as Chief of Police since his appointment on December 30, 2019.

During his tenure as Chief of Police, the Locust Police Department fostered partnerships with law enforcement agencies in Stanly, Union, and Cabarrus Counties that will forever be remembered as a testament to his leadership and discipline.

Chief Steven Smith was 45 years old and is survived by his wife, Melissa, his daughter Riley, and his son Hunter.

Please keep his family, the Locust Police Department and his many friends in your prayers for the difficult days ahead. He will be greatly missed.

RIP Chief Smith, EOW 7/21/2020

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