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Dr. Coby Pewitt joined the Richardson Police Department (RPD) as a police officer in 1996, after growing up in Richardson, Texas and serving as a youth member of the Richardson Police Department Explorer Post #761. He currently serves as the Assistant Chief over the Services Bureau, over the Services Bureau, which includes executive command over both the Administrative and Support Divisions for the Department. He has previously served as Assistant Chief of both the Operations and Administration Bureaus; Captain of the Special Operations Division; a Lieutenant in both the Patrol and Investigative Operations Divisions; a Sergeant in Patrol, Youth Crimes, Property Crimes, Crimes Against Persons, and Crime Prevention; and a Crimes Against Persons / Forgery & Fraud Detective. In 1998, he was selected by his peers as the Rookie of the Year, and in 2002, he was named Richardson's Detective of the Year.

Dr. Pewitt received a Bachelor of Business Administration (1996) from the University of North Texas. He received a Master of Business Administration from The University of Texas at Dallas' Naveen Jindal School of Management in 2002. He was awarded a Doctor of Philosophy in Public Affairs from The University of Texas at Dallas' School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences in 2014. His dissertation, "Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS): A Case Study of a Medium-Sized Municipal Law Enforcement Agency", was inspired by his work with the Richardson Police Department's VIPS program and the recognition of the program by the International Association of Chiefs of Police as a recipient of the 2008 Outstanding Achievement in Law Enforcement Volunteer Programs Award.

Dr. Pewitt is a graduate of the FBI National Academy Session 273, Institute for Law Enforcement Administration (ILEA) 84th School of Police Supervision, the 67th Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas Leadership Command College, and the ILEA 49<sup>th</sup> School of Executive Leadership, where he served as class president. He is also a graduate of Leadership Richardson Class 32 and currently serves as President on the Leadership Richardson Alumni Association Board of Directors. Dr. Pewitt also serves as the President of the Advisory Council for the Boys and Girls Club of Richardson.

Additionally, he is an adjunct faculty member for both the Institute for Law Enforcement Administration and Tarleton State University's Master of Public Administration program. Pewitt is a published author, where he co-wrote an article on Succession Planning for municipal agencies appearing in the journal, *Review of Public Personnel Administration*. In his spare time, he is a passionate volunteer for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Dr. Pewitt raises money for blood-cancer patients and their families by running marathons across the world. His inspiration comes from the memory of a 22-year-old Richardson apprentice police officer that died from leukemia.

