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**Police Chief Richard McEachin Announces Retirement After 22 Years
of Dedicated Law Enforcement Service**

Atwater, CA - Police Chief Richard McEachin has announced his retirement from the City of Atwater, effective August 31, 2026. For the past year and a half, he has served as Atwater's Police Chief, capping off a 22-year career in law enforcement.

Chief McEachin spent 5 years as the Police Chief for the City of Dos Palos, and another 2 years as the Chief of the Clayton Police Department prior to his appointment in Atwater. Chief McEachin oversaw the second phase of the Atwater Police Department remodel, reinstated the Street Crimes unit, and brought back the rank of Corporal to add a layer of supervision to the department.

In response to his retirement, Chief McEachin stated, "I feel incredibly blessed to have had a 22-year career in law enforcement, including the past year and a half here in Atwater. We have a fantastic group here, and I feel confident knowing that they will continue to serve the Atwater community at an exceptional level."

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