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Project Beacon Welcomes Chief Matthew Rodrigue to Board of Directors

Oak Ridge North, Texas -February 4, 2026 -Project Beacon is pleased to announce the appointment of **Chief Matthew Rodrigue** to its Board of Directors, strengthening the organization's leadership as it continues to expand programs and services for autistic adults.

Chief Rodrigue is a seasoned public safety executive with more than 25 years of progressive leadership experience in Texas law enforcement. He currently serves as **Chief of Police and Director of Emergency Management and School Safety for Spring Independent School District** in the Houston region. Throughout his career, he has led complex organizations, managed large-scale budgets and personnel, and advanced strategic initiatives centered on organizational excellence, accountability, and community trust.

His leadership experience spans patrol operations, internal affairs, professional standards, emergency management, and executive-level strategic planning, with a consistent emphasis on developing high-performing teams and modernizing operations to meet evolving community needs.

In addition to his professional achievements, Chief Rodrigue brings a deep and sustained commitment to community service through extensive nonprofit leadership. He has held executive roles, including President, Vice President, and Treasurer, on the board of **Montgomery County Children's Safe Harbor**, where he helped oversee multimillion-dollar budgets, capital campaigns, and fundraising initiatives in support of child advocacy and victim services.

“Chief Rodrigue’s dedication to service, collaboration, and long-term impact aligns seamlessly with Project Beacon’s mission. His leadership experience and passion for strengthening communities will be invaluable as we continue creating safe, supportive pathways for autistic adults.” – Kelly Baughman, Executive Director

Project Beacon provides social, vocational, and enrichment programs designed to foster independence, confidence, and meaningful community engagement for autistic adults. The organization is guided by a volunteer Board of Directors committed to governance, sustainability, and mission-driven growth.

Chief Rodrigue's appointment reflects Project Beacon's continued focus on strong leadership and strategic partnerships that advance inclusion, dignity, and opportunity for those it serves.

About Project Beacon

Project Beacon is a nonprofit organization dedicated to lighting paths for autism by providing social enrichment, life skills development, and community-based opportunities for autistic adults. Through inclusive programming, vocational training, one on one coaching, and strong community partnerships, Project Beacon helps individuals build confidence, connection, and independence.