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Franklin Boyd, a Gallup Police Department veteran of 18 years, was promoted to the rank of captain Feb. 5. With that promotion, comes some added responsibility – he was immediately saddled with the challenge of acting chief of police while Chief Robert Cron takes some time off.

“I only have the best intentions for the department and the people we serve,” he said.

To celebrate, fellow workers ordered a big cake with the police department logo painted on top.

Boyd has the cool confidence to take charge, but the kind that comes from working closely with the various employees comprised of the police department. Not every decision is easy, but must be made with what’s best for the department in mind.

“You have to make tough decisions,” he said.

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While he's pleased with the promotion, he does admit that he'll miss the "troops" he presided over as lieutenant.

"It was a long, tough year," he said. "It's going to be hard to say goodbye."

But, he won't be too far out of reach.

In his position as captain he will oversee the patrol division, and will also serve as the commander of the Field Service Bureau, which is all uniformed personnel, including K9 units.

Boyd also said the promotions he has received are the result of hard work, and that if fellow officers want to climb the ranks, they too, must gain the experience needed to move forward.

"It's ultimately what it's about ... if you want to move anywhere in this department," he said.

Deputy Chief John Allen congratulated Boyd, and said more promotions are expected to be made as key department heads set to retire. Cron, Allen and Capt. Rick White are just months away from wrapping up their careers with the department.

"I think you'll see a lot of promotions coming in the near future," he said. "Promotions are always a great thing to celebrate."