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Town of Winterville

Press Release

Winterville Promotes Christopher L. Williams as New Police Chief.

Winterville, NC. A law enforcement professional with more than 15 years of experience is the Town of Winterville's new Police Chief.

Christopher L. Williams has worked with the Town of Winterville for 10 years, serving 10 months as Interim Police Chief. Mr. Williams also served as a law enforcement officer for 4 years with the Tarboro Police Department.

In addition to his vast experience in law enforcement, Mr. Williams enjoyed a distinguished career in the United States Army for more than 20 years. He held the rank of Sergeant First Class.

Mr. Williams has a master's degree in Criminal Justice from Columbia Southern University and currently lives in Greenville, NC. He is married with three sons.

Williams' selection came as a result of a quick and rigorous assessment center process. The Town received 17 applicants from all over the Country. The field was initially narrowed to 8 finalists and then narrowed to 7 applicants who were put through the Town's Assessment Center Process. The Assessment Process was comprised of 3 parts – Coaching Role Play, Structured Interview, and a Mock Community Meeting. Town Management team and Staff members assisted in the 3-day exercise.

"All 7 candidates were well qualified, and the decision was a challenging one", said Terri L. Parker, Town Manager. *"Though all candidates did very well, Mr. Williams was the best fit for the Town, and I believe that he will continue to bring a professional and positive presence to the Police Department as well as the Town. We are extremely excited to have him as our new Police Chief and continued part of the Winterville family."* Parker said.

Williams is excited about taking on the challenge of being the new Police Chief in Winterville:

"It is my distinct pleasure to serve as the next Chief of Police for the Town of Winterville. Thank you to the Town Manager for her trust. I have served with the Town more than 10 years allowing for poignant insights into how we move forward. Our top priority will always be the welfare of the Town and the safety of its citizens, I believe the Department and the citizens should serve as problem-solving participatory partners. The Police Department serves as the primary enforcement agency to promote safety in the community, but every resident plays a role in our success. If you see something, say something. Our success hinges on interacting in a positive way through community engagements, getting to know each other and building trust. Our goal is to remain a highly respected, professional agency that serves as a model for the region.

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