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## TOWN OF WARSAW ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF NEW POLICE CHIEF



Pictured Above: Warsaw Police Chief Andrew Hughes

The Town of Warsaw is pleased to announce the appointment of Andrew John Hughes Jr. as Chief of Police. Chief Hughes, Jr. is a seasoned police officer with 25+ years of progressive experience in Law Enforcement, Corrections, and Investigations. Hailing from the Richmond, Virginia area, Mr. Hughes is passionate about community policing and contributing to building better, stronger communities. His goal is for families and business owners to feel safer and be better educated about State and Town ordinances, their rights as citizens, and Law Enforcement in general.

Mr. Hughes has worked in the Commonwealth of Virginia and is returning to us from the State of South Carolina, where he last worked as the Lieutenant over Operations for the Town of Andrews South Carolina. He's had various titles within the departments he has served since 1994 in police work and corrections. He has been a supervisor in charge of School Resource Officers, a Juvenile Investigator, and a Field Training Officer. As a supervisor over his career, he has held titles such as Corporal, First Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Acting Captain. His priority always remains on education and developing strong community relations wherever he serves. Mr. Hughes has also committed time to motivational speaking and mentoring. Mr. Hughes is also a father of three children and grandfather to seven grandchildren.

Mayor Randall L. Phelps stated that he's excited for Chief Hughes and has high expectations for him. "Chief Hughes seems to be a motivated individual and we have high hopes for his tenure as our Chief. As the Town grows and expands, we feel confident in his abilities to lead the Department forward and to protect and serve the residents of the Town," he said.

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Joseph Quesenberry, Town Manager, added that "...Mr. Hughes did an excellent job during his interview process with the Town, and was chosen as the final candidate out of forty-two applicants. I look forward to working with him to make the Warsaw Police Department an exemplary force that our residents can be proud of and rely on. Be on the lookout for great things," he said.

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