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CITY OF NEW BERN ANNOUNCES NEW CHIEF OF POLICE

The City of New Bern announces Mr. Toussaint Summers, Jr. has accepted the position as the City's new Chief of Police.

Mr. Summers' law enforcement career spans 35 years. He began his career as a police officer with the Prince William County Police Department (PWCPD) in Virginia. He served in various positions of the department, including Lieutenant as Watch Commander and Commander of the Vice and Narcotics Bureau, and as Captain overseeing the Western District of Prince William County and Director of the PWCPD Criminal Justice Academy. For the past 12 years, Mr. Summers has been the Chief of Police for the Town of Herndon Police Department in Virginia.

Mr. Summers' background includes extensive education in law enforcement. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Administration of Justice from American University and a Master's Certificate in Administration of Justice from Virginia Commonwealth University. He is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Academy, Virginia State Police Administrator Officer Course, and the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Academy. He also holds an Interim Certificate in Adult Education from Washington Bible College.

"We are excited to welcome Mr. Summers to the City of New Bern," said City Manager Mike Epperson. "After a thorough process to assess several qualified and talented candidates, Mr. Summers stood out, not only to our management level staff but also to our public and professional panels who spent days evaluating the candidates' skills."

Mr. Summers' commitment to community and service is evident in his appointment and volunteerism on many boards and committees, including the Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force, the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission, and the Northern Virginia Community College Administration of Justice Curriculum Advisory Committee. He possesses a strong background in community policing and served as a consultant to the Department of Criminal Justice Services, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), where he facilitated several programs to promote community policing through training and involvement to further effective law enforcement.

Mr. Summers is a native of northern Virginia. He will join the City of New Bern Police Department on October 10th.

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