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New Chief of Police Selected for City of Hyattsville Police Department

(Hyattsville, MD) – The City of Hyattsville announces the selection of Cheverly Police Chief Jarod J. Towers as the next Police Chief for the Hyattsville Police Department. Chief Towers was selected after a rigorous search process including City staff, Council, officers, and civilian input. He will begin his service with HCPD on October 3, 2021.

Chief Towers has over 16 years of policing experience and a strong background in municipal policing and public service. He holds a bachelor's degree in business management with a minor in Homeland Security and a Master of Business Administration. He has a reputation for excellence in public safety and service, community engagement and outreach, transformational initiatives, and building and strengthening relationships in diverse communities.

Hyattsville's City Administrator Tracey Douglas shared that Chief Towers rose to the top of the candidate pool after the interview panel noted what she describes as his, "commitment to ensuring community engagement, active listening, officer training and wellness, transparency and accountability." Douglas adds, "He is the right leader to usher the department through ongoing police reforms and further our efforts in 21st century policing."

Chief Towers shared, "A police department can only be truly successful when it provides public safety in partnership with the community it serves. That partnership is achieved through transparency, accountability and ongoing dialogue that creates connections. I am excited to be joining the men and women serving Hyattsville to provide professional police service and I look forward to learning from them, even while leading them. With a focus on the principles of compassion, empathy, diversity, and inclusion, co-producing public safety through collaboration with the citizens of Hyattsville will be the hallmark of my administration. Thank you for putting your trust in me to lead a police department which Hyattsville already has reason to look on with pride. I look forward to what we will accomplish together."





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Chief Towers is a recent graduate of the Police Executive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Policing (SMIP), an active member of the executive board of the Police Chief's Association of Prince Georges County, and the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association where he serves as a member of the legislative committee. He was recently selected as one of the International Association of Chiefs of Police's 2021 40 under 40 awardees.

The City would like to express its gratitude to Acting Police Chief Scott Dunklee, who has been leading the Department since the departure of former Police Chief Amal Awad. Chief Awad took a leadership role as the Chief of Police for Anne Arundel County last year.

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