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City of Mount Dora appoints Brett Meade as Police Chief

Mount Dora, Fla. (April 26, 2021) – The City of Mount Dora is happy to announce Interim Police Chief Brett Meade has been appointed as the new police chief for the City.

On Friday, Interim City Manager Charles Revell appointed Brett Meade, who was working as the Interim Police Chief, as permanent Chief of Police. Chief Meade started with the Police Department in July 2020 and will continue in his leadership role for the department.

“Serving the citizens of Mount Dora as the Chief of Police is truly an opportunity of a lifetime. Mount Dora is an incredible community and it is an honor to lead a police department staffed with dedicated and committed personnel intently focused on providing a safe environment for our community,” said Chief Meade. “As we move forward, I ask that everyone assists the Mount Dora Police Department in achieving our agency priorities by getting involved, as our goal is to be the premiere law enforcement agency in Central Florida, and we will achieve this distinction by dedicated and trusted community partnerships.”

Background:

Chief Brett Meade began his police career in 1982 with the DeLand Police Department in Florida. Chief Meade served almost 25 years with the Orange County Sheriff’s Office in Orlando, Florida, retiring as a Patrol Commander He was appointed Deputy Chief of Police for the University of Central Florida Police Department in September of 2014 and retired with the honorary rank of Chief in October 2018. Chief Meade has extensive command leadership experience in administrative as well as operational positions to include Campus Law Enforcement, Internal Affairs, Tourism Safety, Intelligence, Patrol Command, Investigations, and Youth Prevention programs. He embraces Community Policing and Intelligence Led Policing philosophies, with documented and proven success in crime reduction by developing and implementing successful collaborative community strategies, anti-gang initiatives, and prevention programs utilizing a team approach.



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In 2018, Chief Meade joined the National Police Foundation as a Senior Program Manager. The NPF is the oldest profit research organization in the United States dedicated to improving policing through science and innovation. Chief Meade assisted law enforcement agencies nationwide in initiatives such as recruiting/retention, officer and staff wellness and safety, and crisis intervention training. Additionally, Chief Meade served as a Subject Matter Expert on critical Incident reviews of the PULSE nightclub shooting and the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Shooting.

In July 2020, Chief Meade was tasked with serving the Mount Dora Police Department as their Interim Chief of Police and to conduct a comprehensive department assessment, which included surveys from officers and staff as well as the public. As a result, MDPD now has a solid foundation and ten department priorities to accomplish, many of which include community partnership. In April 2021, Chief Meade was promoted to Chief of Police.

Chief Meade is a recognized expert in domestic terrorism specializing in the sovereign citizen movement, having trained over 7000 personnel across the State of Florida on Sovereign Citizen Encounters, and was instrumental in obtaining legislation designed to protect public officials from paper terrorism tactics employed by sovereign citizens and served on the Central Florida Intelligence Exchange (Fusion Center) Executive Steering Committee and several other local, state and national boards. He is a Senior Instructor for the Criminal Justice Executive Institute with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and has trained hundreds of supervisors, managers, and police executives nationwide.

Chief Meade is a graduate of the Southern Police Institute Command Officer's Development Course, the Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute Executive Future Studies Program, the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Executive Development Seminar, and the Florida Police Chief's Association Future Law Enforcement Executive course. He earned an Associate's Degree in Criminology from Daytona State College, a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Columbia College, a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Webster University, and a Doctorate Degree in Organizational Leadership from Northcentral University. His specialization is factors influencing voluntary turnover and retention of sworn law enforcement personnel.

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