

TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN

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SOUTH KINGSTOWN CHIEF OF POLICE HIRED

The Town Manager is pleased to announce that Police Captain Joel Ewing-Chow, who has been serving as the Interim Chief of Police since July, has been appointed as the Town of South Kingstown's Chief of Police. Chief Ewing-Chow will be formally sworn in as Chief of Police effective November 9, 2020.

As Chief of Police, Ewing-Chow will be responsible for the overall management and operations of each of the Town's Public Safety divisions, including both sworn and civilian personnel. Chief Ewing-Chow will report directly to the Town Manager, and will be a member of the Town's senior management team. His duties will include managing the day-to-day operations of the Department and establishing new programs to meet the community's changing needs. He will be responsible for the selection, training, assignment, and supervision of all sworn and civilian department personnel.

Chief Ewing-Chow has been employed by the Town of South Kingstown since 1995. He began his career as a civilian Public Safety Dispatcher, and became a sworn Police Officer in 1999. Chief Ewing-Chow was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2005, Detective Commander in 2009, Captain of Operations in 2013, and most recently served as Captain of Administration beginning in 2017, before his appointment to Interim Chief. Chief Ewing-Chow graduated from Salve Regina University, where he earned a Master's Degree in Management, as well as from Roger Williams University where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.

After conducting a national search, Chief Ewing-Chow was selected from a field of 15 applicants and 5 finalists. "We conducted a broad search for the Town's next Chief and Joel Ewing-Chow stood out as the best choice for this community" said Town Manager Rob Zarnetske. "Chief Ewing-Chow has the institutional knowledge, the disposition and the skills necessary to move the SKPD forward as it builds on its tradition of citizen-focused public service," Zarnetske added.