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Introduction and Oath of Office for new Brookings Police Chief.

"I am extremely humbled to have been selected as the next Police Chief for the City of Brookings. It will be my honor to join such brave women and men of the police department and be part of an extraordinary group of dedicated city employees. My family and I are thrilled to be moving into a friendly community and we look forward to meeting and working with our new neighbors," Michael Drake.

Biography

Michael Drake was born in Poughkeepsie and grew up in Highland, New York. He enjoys spending time with his spouse and two adult sons and all things soccer. Both children are currently attending college and his spouse works in the healthcare industry.

Mr. Drake attained a degree from Marist College where his core concentrations included criminal justice and chemistry. He attained a master's in public administration.

Prior to law enforcement, Mr. Drake was a volunteer firefighter, emergency medical technician, and part-time police dispatcher. During this time, he attended the Municipal Police Academy and was hired by the Monticello Police Department as a police officer.

In the New York State Police Academy, Mr. Drake graduated valedictorian and was assigned to SP Ellenville. There he worked as a Trooper as a Field Training Officer. He was promoted to sergeant to SP Westport near the Canadian border. During this time, he was appointed as an investigator and returned to work in Newburgh. After a few years, Michael was promoted to lieutenant and assigned to the governor's protection unit in New York City. Other subsequent assignments and training include New York City Drug Enforcement Task Force in Manhattan, attended the 245th session of the FBI National Academy, detective lieutenant in the Hudson Valley, appointed to the rank of captain, served in two different regions as a Zone Commander, BCI Captain, and then appointed to the rank of Major and assigned as a Troop Commander.

Mr. Drake was reassigned to Division Headquarters Professional Standards Bureau and conducted many confidential internal investigations. He was reassigned to Field Command to oversee the operational takeover/consolidation of the New York State Park Police Department.

Michael is extremely humbled to have been selected as the next Police Chief for the City of Brookings. He is honored to join such brave women and men of the police department and be part of an extraordinary group of dedicated city employees. Their family is thrilled to be moving into a friendly community and we look forward to meeting and working with all.