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Bluffton Police Chief Joey Reynolds Announces Retirement Effective July 1

After 40 years in law enforcement, and five years as the Chief of Police in Bluffton, Chief Joey Reynolds has announced his retirement.

“It was with mixed emotion, I wrote my letter of resignation to Town Manager Marc Orlando. Law Enforcement has been part of almost my entire life. It is hard to walk away from that, but at the same time it’s time for me to move on to other opportunities and focus on my family,” said Reynolds.

Chief Reynolds began his law enforcement experience as a dispatcher in Sumter County, SC in 1977. Shortly after being hired as a dispatcher, he became a deputy and then moved to North Carolina where he spent 19 years with the NC Alcohol administrative and enforcement operations. He was appointed as the Chief of Police in Lenoir, NC in 2003 and remained as Chief until 2011. Reynolds was hired in Bluffton as Chief in September 2012.

“Chief Reynolds has led this Town as the top officer of the law with professionalism, courtesy and compassion. He cares deeply for the residents and visitors of Bluffton, and we are all in a better place due to his leadership,” said Bluffton Town Manager Marc Orlando.

In addition to Reynolds’ various law enforcement positions over the last four decades, he has also taken a lead role in the Federal Bureau of Investigations National Academy Associates. Since 2010 he has served on the FBINAA Executive Board. In July 2016, he was elevated to the Associations’ International President. This position has allowed him to bring a vast amount of training and expertise to Bluffton and its officers. The FBINAA is a global network with nearly 17,000 members, representing 170 countries and is recognized as the premier provider of training at the local, national, and international levels.

Bluffton Town Mayor and Council were told of Chief Reynolds retirement and as a group send this message to Reynolds. “We want to thank Chief Reynolds for his leadership and commitment over the last five years. His dedication to Bluffton and his relationship with the community will forever leave a mark. He has worked tirelessly for the public, and he will be sorely missed. Public safety will remain our main priority.”

“I am so grateful to have had such a support system during my tenure at Bluffton. From Mayor Sulka and Council, to the Senior Leadership team, all the Town employees and especially the officers I’ve worked side by side with. This journey has been an amazing one that will never be forgotten,” said Reynolds.

Reynolds will be pursuing opportunities in the private sector. Chief Reynolds’ last day is June 30.

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