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CITY OF ROANOKE RAPIDS ANNOUNCES NEW POLICE CHIEF

Roanoke Rapids, NC - Roanoke Rapids City Manager Kelly Traynham announces the hiring of Dr. Christopher Shane Guyant as the City's new Police Chief.

Chief of Police Dr. Christopher Shane Guyant began his law enforcement in 1993. He has been employed with the Edgecombe County Sheriff's Office (1993-2005), the NC Department of Insurance Criminal Investigations Division (2005-2018) and the Halifax County Sheriff's Office (2018-present). During this time, he has been a Detention Officer, Patrol Deputy, Criminal Investigator, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Assistant Director, and Director (Chief). Chief Guyant has led and participated in hundreds of complex investigations, involving various criminal violations in several state and federal jurisdictions both in and out of the State of North Carolina. These investigations consisted of, but not limited to, homicides, armed robbery and other violent crimes, fraud related offenses, RICO, money laundering, embezzlement, human trafficking, and cybercrimes. Over the last 15 years, Chief Guyant has been responsible for several budgets and personnel management as a command and executive level law enforcement officer. Currently, he is the Professional Standards Lieutenant at the Halifax County Sheriff's Office where he oversees the hiring, internal affairs, grants, training, and public information programs.

Chief Guyant has a bachelor's degree from NC Wesleyan College, a master's in public administration from Central Michigan University, and a doctorate in criminal justice from Northcentral University. He is a graduate of several leadership academies including the West Point Leadership Program through Methodist University and the NC Leadership Institute from the NC Justice Academy. He has obtained his trilogy award by completing the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association (LEEDA) program. He is also an Adjunct Professor with Purdue University Global teaching in the Criminal Justice Program. He also teaches at several BLET programs in the area.

City Manager Kelly Traynham commented "We are very excited to have Dr. Guyant serve as our next Chief of Police. He was selected after an extensive search and thorough interview process. It is no small challenge to have made it through the competitive process to be the candidate selected. I look forward to working with Chief Guyant and to what he will bring to the Roanoke Rapids Police Department, City and the public we serve." Chief Guyant will begin his duties for the City of Roanoke Rapids on July 3, 2023.

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