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Gurnee Police Appoint Deputy Chief of Operations

Gurnee – Deputy Chief Jeremy Gaughan was officially sworn in Monday, March 6, 2023 by Mayor Tom Hood during the Village of Gurnee Board Meeting.

Deputy Chief Gaughan began his law enforcement career in 1999 with the Marseilles Police Department and transferred to the Gurnee Police Department in 2002. During his extensive tenure in Gurnee, he served as a patrol officer, Special Agent for the Lake County Metropolitan Enforcement Group, an Investigator for the Major Crime Task Force, and has served as the Gurnee Police Investigations Commander since 2018. Deputy Chief Gaughan simultaneously served in the U.S. Army Reserves for 22 years, serving two deployments to Iraq, and retired in 2019 as a Group Sergeant Major for the 3100th Strategic Intelligence Group.

Deputy Chief Gaughan holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration and brings an extensive range of administrative and management expertise to the position. In addition to supervising members of law enforcement, including those in leadership positions, Deputy Chief Gaughan has had an active role in recruitment, hiring, promotion, career development, employee relations, and employee wellness. He has been the recipient of the International Chiefs of Police Association 40 Under 40 Award (2017), the Gurnee Police Department Medal of Honor (2003), the Gurnee Police Department Community Impact Award (2013), the Lake County 100 Club Valor Award, and the National Association of Police Organizations TOP Cop Award (2004).

He currently serves on several policy and advisory boards throughout the state, where he works on behalf of the Gurnee Police Department to collaborate with lawmakers and stakeholders on matters concerning public safety, risk management, and officer development.

Deputy Chief Gaughan was presented with his rank by his wife, son, and daughter during the ceremony. During his address to the community, Deputy Chief Gaughan expressed his excitement for the new position and his commitment to the community in this leadership role.

"I am honored to have been selected for the position, and I appreciate the support of the Village Board and Chief Smith throughout my career in Gurnee," Deputy Chief Gaughan said. "It is apparent that the Village Board cares about the wellness and health of its police officers, and I love working in this community. I look forward to continuing the ongoing work of our police department to make our village a place where everyone feels protected."

Chief Brian Smith offered a welcome message to Deputy Chief Gaughan stating, "Deputy Chief Gaughan has been serving his community for nearly 25 years, both as a soldier and as a police officer. I am honored and blessed to promote such a patriot servant to the rank of Deputy Chief. Thank you for what you do for our organization and for supporting the officers of the Gurnee Police Department who serve and protect the community to the best of their abilities."