

Jabe Hunter was recently promoted from lieutenant to assistant police chief. His new position requires a big picture level of leadership as he helps oversee the department's Operations Division. This is evident in his commitment to the police department's strategic plan. One of his new priorities is to ensure everyone is on the same page so the department can move toward clear and measurable goals as a united team.

"My whole career has been a learning process from community events to counseling sessions with employees," he said. "Life lessons combined with training and education makes you well rounded."

He recently mediated citizens' comments and concerns as a facilitator in the advisory board review process. He said it was valuable to hear about the public's needs. "We're fortunate to have a community that's engaged—it helps us to know what's important to them and it helps shape how we do our job."

In addition to his regular responsibilities, Hunter has served

as project director for Project
Safe Orange, a Crimestoppers
board representative and a board
member of the Pretrial Service
Board of Orange and Chatham
County. He holds a bachelor's
degree in criminal justice from
Mount Olive College and a
master's degree in business
administration from Pfeiffer
University.

A Philadelphia native, Hunter served eight years in the U.S. Air Force, where he met his wife, Aggie. They moved to Chapel Hill out of love for the area. They have a daughter, Victoria, 14, and son Andrew, 11. He enjoys learning to play guitar with his son (Lynyrd Skynyrd and AC/DC are some of their favorites) and woodworking in the garage.

"Jabe has been outstanding in every assignment he has undertaken as a Chapel Hill police officer. I look forward to learning from him (and with him) in his new role as Assistant Chief of Police. He is going to do a great job."

— Chief Chris Blue

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