



In the Spotlight

Highlighting Exceptional Employees

Chris Blue

Police Chief

Joined Town: July 1997

Sworn as an officer: November 1997

Described as strong leader who reflects the community's values, Chris Blue assumed the position of chief of police for Chapel Hill on Dec. 1.

"I have selected the very best police chief for this community," said Town Manager Roger Stancil. "He will become a key part of improving the quality of life and making Chapel Hill a better place to live for all."

Blue replaces Brian Curran, who retired after 28 years with the Town. Blue has held positions of assistant chief, captain, lieutenant, sergeant, patrol officer and crime prevention officer in the community services unit. As assistant chief, he was responsible for the preparation of the department's \$12 million annual operating budget and oversaw the management of Homegrown Halloween and critical incident response.

A native of Chapel Hill, Blue has a bachelor's degree in radio, television, and motion pictures from UNC-Chapel Hill, and a master's degree in public administration from NC State University. He is president of the NC Police Executives Association and past president of Volunteers for Youth. Blue received a finisher's medal at the Outer Banks Marathon on Sunday, Nov. 14, finishing in 3:48.

"I look forward to continuing the work started by Chief Brian Curran to strengthen our agency's community

policing efforts," Blue said. "The Chapel Hill Police Department is made up of outstanding men and women, and I am excited to lead them as we continue this important work."

Following Chief Curran's announcement of retirement, Stancil informed the Town Council in June 2010 that he was considering internal candidates for the position. Internal candidates eligible to apply were three captains and two assistant chiefs.

Blue was selected to undergo an assessment center process. It was his second experience with the process. Blue had placed second in an exhaustive nationwide recruitment and selection process back in 2007 for the replacement of former chief Gregg Jarvies. Although not selected for the position at that time, Stancil said that it was apparent that Blue had significant potential to advance into the role of police chief.

Blue lives in Chapel Hill with his wife, Natasha, and two daughters,

Value in the Spotlight

Professionalism

efficient • competent • accountable • effective
committed to excellence • responsive



ages 10 and 12. In addition to his pursuits as a runner, Blue relaxes by playing the guitar and shooting hoops with his daughters in the cul de sac!

Senior Management Team Values

In November 2007, the Town's Senior Management Team adopted the following set of values to guide their behavior and decisions. These values are Ethics, Social Equity, Professionalism, Respect, Innovation



and Teamwork. It is the intent of the Town Manager and the Senior Management Team to strengthen the organization with a commonly held set of values that drive our mission and objectives.