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Hopewell Welcomes New Police Chief



Hopewell, Virginia – The City of Hopewell welcomes Antonio "AJ" Starke as Chief for the Hopewell Police Department. Chief Starke served as interim police chief in Hopewell since December 2021. His permanent hiring is effective as of June 17, 2022.

Chief Starke served four years active duty in the United States Army. He earned his bachelor's degree from Virginia State University and his master's degree in criminal justice from Liberty University. He is a graduate of the 34th session of the Police Executive Leadership School and a graduate of the National Criminal Justice Command College.

“Chief Starke was a phenomenal addition to the City of Hopewell as interim Chief,” said March Altman, Hopewell City Manager. “He immediately became a community-focused leader and achieved great success in just 6 short months. We’re excited to welcome him to the City in a permanent capacity and for his future achievements with our police department.”

Chief Starke began his law enforcement career in 1991 with the Chesterfield County Police Department. He has 30 years of policing experience, with the past nine years as a member of command staff at the rank of captain. Chief Starke held several command positions within the Chesterfield Police Department to include Office of Professional Standards, Personnel and Training, Special Operations, and the Information Services Division.

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