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### New Chief Selected to Lead City of Norfolk Police Division



The position of Police Chief has a new face after the retirement of Chief Bill Mizner in December of last year. Captain Don Miller has been selected to fill the role of Chief of Police for Norfolk, Nebraska. His law enforcement career has spanned more than 28 years, all with the Norfolk Police Division.

Captain Miller's law enforcement career began in 1990 when he tested for and was hired as a Patrol Officer. From 1994-1996 he worked as a Detective until he was promoted to Corporal. After several years of serving as a Corporal, he was promoted to the rank of Patrol Sergeant in 1999. He supervised patrol shifts as a Sergeant until 2013 when he was promoted to Operations Captain, where his responsibilities included the overall management function of all sworn officers.

"Captain Miller's experience, temperament, and vision combine to make him a natural choice to lead the Police Division. He knows and loves Norfolk. I am confident he will serve citizens well in this new post," said Mayor Josh Moenning.

In addition to his normal police duties, Captain Miller spent four years on the Accident Investigation Team specializing in major accident investigations from 1992-1996. He was also one of the original members of the Tactical Response Team (TRT) where he was the Assistant TRT Commander from 1995-1997 and TRT Commander from 1997-2009. He also increased the use of technology to include electronic accident reporting, electronic jail management, use of Facebook, and use of CARFAX for police investigations. Additionally, he proposed and developed the Police Division wellness program which developed into a city-wide wellness program.

"Don's commitment to the division, extensive police experience in a range of leadership and executive roles, including his current role as Captain leading the Operations Department, and ability to communicate effectively are just a few of the many attributes that impressed me," said City Administrator, Andy Colvin. "I am confident that Don will continue to foster the Police Division's strong reputation and maintain a high level of community trust."

Captain Miller credits his success at the Norfolk Police Division to the quality supervisors and co-workers who have surrounded him, as well as excellent educational opportunities, a wide range of experience, and support from administration and elected officials.

“It is humbling to have the City place their confidence in my abilities and it will be an honor to serve the Police Division and citizens in my new position,” said Captain Miller.

Captain Don Miller grew up in New Ulm, MN where he graduated from high school in 1985. Captain Miller has an Associate’s Degree in Criminal Justice from Northeast Community College and is a graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command. He has been married to his wife Theresa for more than 28 years. He and his wife have an 18 year old son and a 14 year old daughter.

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