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Major Barry Barnard is Promoted to Deputy Police Chief



PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA . . . Chief Charlie T. Deane is pleased to announce today the promotion of Major Barry M. Barnard to Deputy Police Chief. Major Barnard is a career police professional who has moved up the ranks from officer to his current position as Assistant Chief of Police for Administration.

He previously served as Assistant Chief for Operations and has held a variety of positions throughout his more than 33-year career in law enforcement. He began his career as an officer with the Alexandria police department, where he once served as an undercover officer posing as a student in a public school. He was hired on June 28, 1976, as a police officer with the Prince William County Police Department.

Major Barnard has broad experience throughout the police field and has demonstrated skills and abilities. During his career he has been a key leader in the development and implementation of new programs such as the Citizen Police Academy, the Police Chaplain Program, the County's Juvenile Curfew; the plan for implementation of the Department's Illegal Immigration Enforcement Policy and a \$20+ million digital trunked Public Safety Communication System with mobile data computers in police and fire vehicles.

Major Barnard has a bachelor's degree in criminology from Florida State University and a master's degree in public administration from George Mason University. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the Police Executive Research Forum Senior Management Institute for Police.

The position of Deputy Chief has not been filled since it was left vacant following the 1993 retirement of the previous Deputy Chief, the late Jim Sullivan. The decision to now fill the position is one facet of a strategic effort that will allow the Chief and the Department's other top managers to provide consistent focus on key priorities. These priorities serve to ensure the County remains one of the safest in Virginia.

Over the years, one of the Department's strengths has been its consistent leadership. In the Department's history, there have been only two chiefs: Chief George T. Owens, and the current chief, Charlie T. Deane. While Chief Deane has no specific timetable for retirement, he plans to retire within the next few years. When that time comes, it will be important to have a cadre of experienced and qualified staff to move up the ranks. The position of Deputy Chief provides more opportunity for such experience. As such, this position is part of the Department's deliberate succession plan. Additionally, with the impending retirements of Major Ray Colgan, Assistant Chief of the Criminal Investigations Division, and Captain Ronald Christofano, the Western District Commander, newly promoted top management will demand increased coordination.

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Each day the Police Department is faced with new and increasingly complex challenges that require executive-level attention. In the absence of the Chief, the Deputy Chief will provide for top level leadership while also tending to strategic initiatives and running day to day operations. Some of the issues currently faced by the Department include: budget shortfalls, recruiting, training and retention of quality staff, the potential for an active shooter or terrorist attack, criminal gangs, computer crimes, and policing an increasingly diverse community. Moreover, the Deputy Chief will assist in the management of more than 700 employees and a \$73 million budget.

Filling the position of Deputy Chief will afford the Chief additional opportunities to further promote community policing and public education. These initiatives support organizational strategies that address the causes of crime, reduce the fear of crime and address neighborhood problems through problem-solving tactics and community policing partnerships. Chief Deane also devotes time to service on professional boards and organizations that allow for regular coordination with other police executives, as well as to stay abreast of national and regional issues. These continued efforts are vital to the Police Department's success at providing the best possible police service to the County.

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