

Town of Pine Ridge

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ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE TOWN OF PINE RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT



April 8, 2021

The Town of Pine Ridge is pleased to announce that Andre' T. Williams has been selected as the Town's new Police Chief. Mr. Williams was selected from a quality pool of candidates who were vetted and presented to the Finance Committee by DeVan and Associates. The Finance Committee took the steps necessary to ensure that all members of Council had the opportunity to participate in the interviews and decision-making process. Town Council is confident in hiring Mr. Williams for the Police Chief position and looks forward to his leadership and success.

Williams is a native of the Jonesville community located in Colleton County SC. He is a 2011 graduate of Claflin University with a BA degree in Criminal Justice and a minor in Sociology. He served in the United States Army and Army National Guard. In 1993, he began his career in law enforcement with the Department of Corrections in Allendale, SC. His extensive law enforcement background is compiled of a corporal, a shift sergeant, an assistant leader of the (RRT) Rapid Response Team. In 2001, Williams joined the Colleton County Sheriff's Office where he worked in the Road Patrol, Investigations and Narcotics Unit.

He served as a member of the SWAT TEAM (CCSO), trained in Active Shooter, and as a member of the U.S. Marshall Task Force. In 2011, Williams was appointed Chief of Police for the City of Chester, SC where he served 4 years. In 2015, Williams served as Chief of Security for eight (8) schools in the Chester County District. In 2017, Williams returned to the SC Department of Corrections (Police Services) as a State Agent Internal Affairs Investigator (Security Threat Groups Unit). In 2018, Williams was appointed Chief of Police for the City of Kingstree, SC, where he served 3 years. Williams is an active member of the National Chief Association and South Carolina Chief Association. In 2014, he also completed the South Carolina Law Enforcement Commanders School (LECC/SCLEOA).

He is married to Mrs. TreVonda P. Williams (Hemphill) and together they share a blended family of 6: Taylor, Andre', Tanya, Aaden, Diamond and Calen. They are also the proud parents of two grandchildren David and Dailynn. In his spare time, he enjoys watching NFL Football, hunting and fishing.

Town Council is also excited to welcome back Patrolman Patrick Swanson to the police force. Officer Swanson was deployed over the past year with the South Carolina Army National Guard into Germany in support of Atlantic Resolve. Officer Swanson served as a Brigade Current Operations NCO and ADAM Cell Team Leader while deployed in Germany, and worked with many host nation countries' militaries including Germany, Poland, and Lithuania. We at the Town of Pine Ridge are very excited to have Officer Swanson home and working in Pine Ridge.

Chief Williams will be officially sworn in at the **Tuesday, April 13th, 2021** Town Hall meeting. Due to CDC guidelines on Social Distancing, there will be limited seating available. Please join us through Facebook for our Council meeting beginning at 6:30.