


Press Release

Portsmouth appoints Deputy Police Chief

The Portsmouth Town Council is pleased to announce that it has appointed Lieutenant Paul Valente to the position of Deputy Chief of the Portsmouth Police Department. The appointment follows a round of interviews by the Town Council with candidates on 30 October, 2006. The appointment will be formally announced by the Town Council at its meeting of 13 November, 2006 retroactive to 31 October.

The new Deputy Chief is the Department's most senior member and he has served in every division of the Department. He was hired on January 2, 1979. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on August 15, 1988, transferred into the Detective division on December 3, 1988 and was promoted to Lieutenant on February 28, 1995. He became the Department's first Administrative Officer on January 1, 1998. In this capacity Deputy Chief Valente procured over 2 million dollars in grant money for the Department and spearheaded the Department's upgrade of its computer and communication systems. He has served on a wide array of Town, State and regional committees including those dealing with Y2K issues, terrorism, homeland security, and disaster preparedness. Deputy Chief Valente also served for many years as one of the co-chairmen of the Police Parade.



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