



TOWN OF UPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

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****The Town of Upton Announces Appointment of New Police Chief****

Upton, Massachusetts – January 30, 2025—The Town of Upton is pleased to announce the appointment of Nicholas J. Palmieri as the new Chief of Police, effective February 10, 2025. Chief Palmieri brings over twenty years of law enforcement experience, having first served in New York, NY, then twelve years in Upton, MA, and most recently, Franklin, MA.

Chief Palmieri holds a Master of Arts in Criminal Justice from the John Jay College of Criminal Justice and has completed advanced training at Cornell University. Known for his strong commitment to community policing and fostering positive relationships between law enforcement and the community, Chief Palmieri has been a strong advocate for the vulnerable and underserved members of the community, especially children, the elderly and those dealing with mental health issues.

"We are excited to welcome back Chief Palmieri, to our department, and our community," said Joe Laydon, Town Manager. "With his extensive experience and dedication to building trust between police and community members, we are confident that he will lead our department effectively and ensure the safety and security of our residents."

As Chief, he will focus on enhancing community engagement, implementing innovative crime prevention strategies, and ensuring the professional development of the department's personnel. Chief Palmieri intends to prioritize collaboration with local organizations and stakeholders to address the community's evolving needs.

"I am honored to be appointed as the Chief of Police for the Town of Upton," said Chief Palmieri. "I look forward to working alongside our dedicated officers and the community to create a safer and more inclusive environment for everyone. Together, we can build trust and ensure our police department reflects the community's values."

An official swearing-in ceremony will be held at the town hall on **February 27, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.** Community members are invited to meet Chief Palmieri and learn more about his vision for the department.

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