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## Press Release

To: Area media outlets

From: Hampton Police Department

Re: Promotion of Chief David K. Hobbs, Jr. to Chief of Police

**Hampton, NH-** The Hampton Police Department is proud to announce the promotion of Deputy Chief David Hobbs to the rank of Chief of Police.

On January 15, 2021 Hampton Town Manager James Sullivan formally swore-in David K. Hobbs, Jr. as the 25<sup>th</sup> Chief of Police for the town of Hampton.

In an event held at the police department, Town Manager Sullivan recalled the period of time when, then candidate Hobbs, worked through the hiring process to become a part-time officer with the department. Mr. Sullivan commented on how one little decision can change the trajectory of where we are.

The chief had his new rank insignia pinned on by his wife, Erin and children. In remarks made to the agency and the Hampton community, Chief Hobbs thanked his family, community members, and past and present members of the Hampton Police Department. He recognized the stresses that a law enforcement family can face during these times and thanked his family for their continued support. Chief Hobbs thanked officers and stated that he believed officers did a great job and was proud of where the agency was, describing excitement for the future of the agency. He also stated that he wanted to make the agency better; better as individuals, and better as a team.

Chief Hobbs stated that his vision for the Hampton Police Department is,

***“...to be recognized as a professional and efficient organization that works collaboratively with our stakeholders to improve our community.”***

Additionally, he noted that,

***“...community partnerships and the Constitution should serve as the foundation of our agency.”***

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Chief Hobbs, a resident of Hampton, was hired by the Hampton Police Department in 1999. In that time, Chief Hobbs has served as a patrolman, School Resource Officer at Hampton Academy, Seacoast Emergency Response Team (SERT) Team Leader, and Use of Force Instructor. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in October 2007 and Deputy Chief in November 2014. Chief Hobbs is also a 2016 graduate of the 265<sup>th</sup> FBI National Academy and a veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

Chief Hobbs replaces Chief Richard Sawyer whose retirement became effective on January 14, 2021.

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(Left) Town Manager James Sullivan (Right) Chief David Hobbs

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Chief David Hobbs with his family

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