

Richard P. St. Sauveur, Jr., appointed Police Chief

Smithfield– Town Manager, Dennis G. Finlay has appointed Deputy Chief, Richard P. St. Sauveur, Jr., a 21 year veteran of Smithfield Police department to the position of Police Chief.

St. Sauveur replaces former Police Chief William A. McGarry and will oversee a nationally accredited department of 41 sworn officers and 19 civilian employees.

St. Sauveur was one of three finalists culled from 38 applicants vying for the \$ 82,500 to \$87,500 - a year position.

St. Sauveur was appointed as a full-time police officer on July 1, 1988, and graduated 2nd out of 39 in his class from the Rhode Island Municipal Police Academy that same year. He graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice, and as a member of Psi Chi (National Honor Society in Psychology), from Westfield State College. He also holds a Masters Degree in Administration of Justice from Salve Regina University. He graduated from Mt. St. Charles Academy, where he was an honor roll student and played for two championship high school hockey teams.

Prior to his promotion to Deputy Chief in 2004, he served as the Uniform Commander, Third Shift Patrol Commander, Accreditation Manager and Field Training Officer. St. Sauveur is certified by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) to assess law enforcement agencies throughout the country in their attempts to attain accredited status.

As the Department's second highest ranking officer, he served as the Internal Affairs Officer and officer-in-charge of the Collision Review Board and Commendations & Awards Committee. He has been a member of the Department's Planning Committee for the past six years and has played a significant role in coordinating various capital improvement program (CIP) projects at police headquarters.