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Indianola Announces Brian Sher as its next Chief of Police

INDIANOLA, IA – The City of Indianola is pleased to announce the promotion of Captain Brian Sher as its new Chief of Police. Chief Sher is a 28-year veteran of the Indianola Police Department (IPD) having faithfully served the residents of Indianola, and its surrounding region, with loyalty, dedication, and commitment. Most recently, Captain Sher has served as the Interim Chief of Police for the IPD since July 2, 2021.

“The City of Indianola has undertaken a comprehensive and inclusive hiring process in the selection of its Chief of Police”, said Indianola City Manager Benjamin Reeves. “Chief Sher was one of eighteen professional candidates who were considered by three different hiring panels.”



**Indianola Chief of Police
Brian Sher**

Reeves stated, “Since assuming the role of Interim Chief, Brian and his leadership team have transformed the IPD through innovative advancements and opportunities such as adopting the use of body cameras, rejoining the regional STAR program, deploying a drone program, and most recently by laying the framework to restore the IPD K-9 Unit. Chief Sher has fostered an environment of inclusion where officer’s ideas and opinions have met fertile ground. The trajectory of the IPD is exceptional and its momentum is strong. Members of the IPD feel valued and part of a team in which their voices are respected.”

Chief Sher said “I am honored to continue my service to the City of Indianola in this new capacity. This is a really exciting time for our department and community. I look forward to leading the Indianola Police Department into the future.”



Reeves, who began his tenure with Indianola in May of 2022, stated, “It has been an honor to spend time visiting, listening, and learning from the community about their thoughts and opinions regarding the selection of a new Chief of Police. From elected representatives to business owners, from civic volunteers to our school and college leadership, and most importantly, from the voices of each and every member of the IPD, the needs of the community and of the department became abundantly clear. With this knowledge in hand, we went through a comprehensive and competitive hiring process. Exceptional internal and external candidates were thoroughly considered to ensure that we found the very best person to serve the needs of our community.”

Reeves went on to state, “Chief Sher is the right person for the job. I have every confidence in him, and in the leadership team and department he intends to build. During one of his interviews with a panel of public safety professionals from neighboring jurisdictions, Brian was asked “Why do you want to become the Indianola Chief of Police?” He stated, “With all due respect to your agencies, I want the Indianola Police Department to be the best police department in the State of Iowa.” Reeves concluded, “I believe fully that Chief Sher will achieve this aspirational vision. He is a proven leader, and the City of Indianola will be well served under his leadership.”

Chief Sher will be sworn in at the Indianola City Council Meeting to be held on Monday, October 3rd at 7p.m., 110 N. 1st Street, Indianola, IA 50125.

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About the City of Indianola

Indianola is a city in Warren County, Iowa, located 14 miles south of Des Moines. The City of Indianola is home to Simpson College and serves more than 15,800 residents and numerous visitors who come to explore Indianola’s vibrant downtown, restaurants, shops, parks, cultural attractions—such as the Des Moines Metropolitan Opera—and events, including the National Balloon Classic and the Warren County Fair. To learn more about the City of Indianola, [click here](#).