

COLONEL WILLIAM H. ANSPACH, III



Chief William H. Anspach's service in the Commonwealth of Virginia began as a police officer with the City of Petersburg in 1995. In April of 1998, he was blessed to be selected as a certified police officer with his hometown of the City of Colonial Heights.

In July of 2021, Chief Anspach retired from law enforcement, after accepting a position in the private sector. In July of 2022, he was selected to lead the Colonial Heights Police Department as the Chief of Police.

Chief Anspach has served in all roles of our agency, from Patrol Officer, Patrol Sergeant, Patrol Lieutenant, Lieutenant/Investigations Division Commander, Internal Affairs/Accreditation Manager, Captain/Patrol Division Commander, Captain/Law Enforcement Services Division Commander and Major/Deputy Chief of Police.

Throughout his career, numerous accolades have been bestowed on Chief Anspach, to include many *Officer of the Month* awards, *Officer of the Year*, numerous *M.A.D.D.* (*Mothers Against Drunk Driving*) awards, not to mention his graduations from the National Command College. He is also a proud graduate of Class 274 of the FBI National Academy. Chief Anspach earned these accolades and achievements not only as the result of his work ethic, but also for his ideas and initiative to improve the department and better serve our community.

In addition to many achievements, he has worked closely with our personnel to provide guidance and mentorship to many. He continues to be the driving force with our state accreditation, which began in 2012, and continuing reaccreditation achievements, all in the name of enhancing our image and setting high standards and expectations for our officers. The many roles that Chief Anspach has had within the agency has allowed him to form great relationships with our local media, allowing greater transparency both within and outside of our department. Efficiency, effectiveness and improvement have always been the focus of Chief Anspach's tenure while working in the Colonial Heights Police Department.