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TYBEE APPOINTS FIRST ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF IN ISLAND'S HISTORY

TYBEE ISLAND, GA – The City of Tybee Island announced today the appointment of Capt. Tiffany Hayes as the first assistant police chief in the island's history. Capt. Hayes will begin her new role on June 27, 2022.

Capt. Hayes is a Tybee Island native who has worked for the police department for nearly 26 years. She began her career as a dispatcher at 18 years old and moved up the ranks to captain. She has served as a certified officer for 22 years.

"I am honored to have been appointed to this position, and that Tybee has put its trust in me," said Capt. Hayes. "I am committed to keeping Tybee safe for everyone, and will continue to support the police department's goal for diversity, equality and inclusion."

Capt. Hayes graduated from the prestigious FBI National Academy in December 2021 and recently attended the National Association of Women in Law Enforcement on a scholarship.

She has a B.A. in Criminal Justice from St. Leo University and a M.A. in Public Safety Administration from Columbus State University.

Tybee Island Mayor Shirley Sessions said Tybee is fortunate to have Capt. Hayes as its first assistant police chief because she has proven herself a professional in the field of law enforcement.

“With years of experience in every department, her commitment to continuing education and loyalty to her team of officers, she possesses an ideal combination for success,” Mayor Sessions said. “Her strength, fearlessness, grace, and appreciation for our island's unique diversity will inspire and lift Tybee to even better success.” Mayor Sessions also commended Police Chief Robert Bryson for encouraging and supporting professional development within the police department.

The city created the rank of assistant police chief to help manage challenges arising from an unprecedented growth in tourism over the past five years. The number of annual visits to Tybee has increased steadily from 4.8 million in 2017 to 6.6 million in 2021 (Source: Placer.ai Foot Traffic Analysis Data).

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