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**LT. COLONEL RENADO PRINCE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY ANNOUNCED**

**PORTSMOUTH, Va. –** We are happy to announce that Lt. Colonel Renado Prince will be sworn in as the Portsmouth Police Department Chief of Police on Friday, September 3, 2021, at 11 a.m. inside the City Council Chambers.

Born in Baltimore and raised in Bolivia, North Carolina, Prince has worked for over 38 years in law enforcement with more than 15 years’ operating at the Command Staff/Executive level.

Prince joined the U.S. Air Force shortly after graduating from South Brunswick High School. In the Air Force, he served as a Law Enforcement Specialist through several assignments at the following locations:

Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines

**Malmstrom**Air Force Base in Montana

Clear Air Force Station in Alaska

Moody Air Force Base in Georgia

King Khalid Air Base in Saudi Arabia

Osan Air Base in Japan

Kunsan Air Base in Korea

He took an assignment atthe Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in 2002 as the Superintendent of Investigation (equivalent to a criminal investigative division). He also served in *Operation Desert Shield*and*Operation Desert Storm*. He holds combat decorations associated with his service.

While working with the Wilmington Police Department, Prince also served as a reservist. He worked his way up as a Patrolman, a Crime Scene Investigator, and then became a Sergeant before his promotion to Lieutenant after only five years at the department. There, he served as the Deputy Commander of the Special Operations Division, the Criminal Investigation Division, and Deputy Commander of Patrol Services. The Special Operations Division included the K-9 Unit, the Marine Boat Unit, and Air Operations. Prince served the Wilmington Police Department for 22 years.

Later, the Albert J. Ellis Airport Police Department in Jacksonville, North Carolina, recruited Prince as the Chief of Police. In Jacksonville, he developed security protocols for the newly constructed airport and designed security measures to ensure the safety of the 350,000 annual customers.

Prince also performed duties as the Airport Security Coordinator (ASC) and continued coordination between TSA, the US Marshall's Services, NCIS Camp Lejeune, ALE, FBI, and numerous local law enforcement agencies. Prince served as the Albert J. Ellis Airport Police Department Chief of Police for four years.

Finally, in 2018 Prince joined the Portsmouth Police Department as an Assistant Police Chief. He is the administrator for the Operations and Investigation Division of the department. He has been a valuable member of the executive staff, and continues to be a focused voice for community engagement and stratified policing**.**

Prince holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration, a Bachelor’s Degree in Law Enforcement Administration. Prince is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and a graduate of the North Carolina State University Administrative Officer’s Management Program, the Strategic Academy of Management, UNC-Wilmington, and IPTM Crime Scene Investigations.

Prince is an expert witness in the areas of fingerprint classification and identification as well as digital photography. Prince trained in collision reduction through the Miami Dade Police Department. He is also trained in and embraces Community Oriented Policing.

We encourage the public to attend the swearing-in ceremony and are excited to see Prince take on this new role as the Portsmouth Police Department’s Chief of Police.

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