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PRESS RELEASE

MOUNT RAINIER, MD ANNOUNCES A NEW POLICE CHIEF

~Mount Rainier's nationwide search for its ideal police chief comes to an end.~

Mount Rainier, MD ----- The Mayor and City Council of Mount Rainier welcome the new Police Chief Mr. Anthony Morgan of Virginia.

Chief Morgan served as Chief of Police/Director of Public Safety for the City of Covington, VA for the past year. During his tenure he worked on implementing the recommendations from an assessment of the police department, which resulted in the restructuring of the police department, updating of the department's social media presence, instituting in-car cameras for the patrol fleet and mobile data terminals, creating the Department of Emergency Medical Services for the City, and working with his staff to help the agency reach its goal of state accreditation.

Prior to becoming Chief of Police for the City of Covington, Chief Morgan had a 15-year career with the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety, where he rose through the ranks to Senior Shift Lieutenant. Chief Morgan possesses a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from North Carolina University. Chief Morgan possesses training and certifications in National Incident Command, Firefighter and Medical First Response.

"I look forward to working with the men and women of the Mount Rainier Police Department. Mount Rainier is a diverse and vibrant city and I am excited to work with the community, staff members in other departments, and my officers to provide exceptional police service for our residents." Chief Morgan stated.

After meeting the new Police Chief, Councilman Cheseck stated, "I was most impressed by two things. first, his wealth of knowledge about how to implement a culture of community policing; Second, and equally important, his desire to build a team culture where all members of our police force feel like they are an integral part of a larger effort to serve our residents. With this new leadership, I think now is a great time to be an officer in Mount Rainier."

City Manager Miranda Braatz welcomed Chief Morgan by stating "I look forward to having Chief Morgan as a part of our management team, his proven track record in community policing and strategic organization will be greatly valued by our community. I welcome his new ideas, new approaches, and solid experience."

Chief Morgan will begin employment with the City on February 11th, 2019. He will be sworn in on March 5, 2019, at 7 pm at City Hall by Mayor Malinda Miles.