



# VILLAGE OF MAYWOOD

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### **Village of Maywood Appoints New Chief of Police**

*Maywood, IL* – The Village of Maywood is pleased to announce the appointment of Elijah Willis as Chief of Police. Mr. Willis has been serving as Interim Chief for the past two months while a search for a long-term Chief was conducted. The official appointment will take place on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at the Maywood Council Chambers. Chief Willis will manage daily operations of the police department including patrol, traffic, training, and investigative functions.

Chief Willis has served with the Maywood Police Department since 2001, and he has been a member of the command staff since 2009. He was appointed Deputy Chief in 2014 after serving as Commander from 2009 to 2014. Chief Willis is a highly credentialed supervisor that holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Lewis University and a Master of Arts degree from Governor's State University.

“Chief Willis has been a dedicated team member with the Village of Maywood for nearly two decades. He has proven to be a strong and capable leader and he has our complete confidence that he will continue to excel in his new position as Police Chief,” said Mayor Nathaniel George Booker.

“I am very pleased to congratulate our new Police Chief, Elijah Willis, on his well-earned appointment. During his tenure with the Village, Elijah has risen through the ranks serving as Deputy Chief for the last seven years. I feel confident that Chief Willis's leadership skills and steadfast work ethic will help the Maywood Police Department continue to thrive,” said Chasity Wells-Armstrong, Village Manager.

There were several exceptional candidates for this position, and the Village of Maywood would like to thank each person that stepped forward to apply.

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