

Lincolnton Police Chief Brian Greene Retiring After Nearly 30 Years of Service

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LINCOLNTON, N.C. — After nearly 30 years of serving the citizens of Lincolnton, Police Chief Brian R. Greene has announced plans to retire, bringing to a close a career marked by leadership, dedication and service to the community.

Greene began his career with the Lincolnton Police Department in 1996 as a patrol officer. He became a detective in 1998, investigations lieutenant in 2003, captain and assistant police chief in 2014 and major in 2021. Following the retirement of Chief Rodney Jordan, Greene served as interim chief before being appointed police chief in September 2023.

Throughout his career, Greene continued his education and professional training. He earned a bachelor's degree from Gardner-Webb University and a master's degree in criminal justice from American Military University. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

Greene's contributions extended beyond the daily responsibilities of law

enforcement. He was involved in improving downtown security, addressing public safety concerns and working with community organizations. During his leadership, the department continued community outreach programs and efforts to connect individuals facing mental health and other personal challenges with appropriate services.

His experience also proved valuable in managing the department's personnel, budgets and operations while adapting to changes in technology and the growing demands placed on law enforcement.

Having spent nearly his entire career with the Lincolnton Police Department, Greene developed an understanding of the community that comes from years of working alongside residents, businesses and fellow officers.

Greene has been a valuable asset to Lincolnton throughout his career. His retirement will leave the department with the challenge of replacing nearly three decades of experience, leadership and institutional knowledge.

As the city prepares for a transition in leadership, Greene is scheduled to retire on December 1, 2026, leaving behind a long record of public service and contributions to local law enforcement. His experience and familiarity with the community will be missed as the department moves into its next chapter.