

Berlin Police Commission announces new Police Chief

The Berlin Police Commission has selected Matthew McNally IV as our new Police Chief, to replace Chief John M. Klett who retired effective July 30, 2021.

Chief McNally, a former Marine, brings an extensive and diverse background in law enforcement to his new job. In the Danbury PD, he has worked extensively with youth programs and juvenile justice issues, and he's run the Community Affairs and the Crime Scene Investigation Units. He has worked as a patrolman, Detective, Sergeant and Lieutenant. As Patrol Division Commander, he was responsible for leading 5 Sergeants and 40 patrol officers.

He holds a BS degree from Western Connecticut State University (Justice and Law) and a MS from the University of New Haven (Forensic Science), where he began his professional relationship with Dr. Henry Lee.

He currently serves on the Board of Directors/Trustee of the Connecticut Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police; this is the same union representing the officers of the Berlin police Department. Additionally, Chief McNally serves as an adjunct faculty member of both WSCU (Criminal Justice) and Goodwin College (Homeland Security, Public Safety, and Contemporary Ethics).

The Berlin Police Commission conducted a search to replace Chief Klett that included both internal (2) and external (7) candidates. The Commission interviewed an excellent and impressive field of candidates, narrowed that to the final 3, and then met with the finalists again. On September 24 we selected Chief McNally to lead the Berlin Police Department. Chief McNally starts on November 1, 2021.

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