



Wentzville Hires Lisa Harrison from Boynton Beach Florida as New Police Chief

Mayor Paul Lambi and Wentzville's board of aldermen are proud to announce their selection of Lisa Harrison, a Missouri native who currently serves in the Boynton Beach, Florida police department, as Wentzville's new Chief of Police. Harrison's first day on the job will be January 3, 2012, stepping into a position vacated when Chief Robert Noonan retired in October of 2011.

More than 70 law enforcement officers from across the nation as well as from Wentzville's own police department submitted resumes over the course of the search for Noonan's replacement. According to Mayor Lambi, the competition was tough, especially when the field was narrowed down to the final 10 contenders. "Everyone who made it to the final 10 is to be commended for their accomplishments in law enforcement," said Lambi. "We had some very strong contenders and I want to thank the board of aldermen for all their hard work and collective input into the selection. With many minds there is much wisdom, and I feel confident we've chosen well for this crucial city position."

Harrison was born and raised in Missouri, and received an Associate of Arts degree from the Mineral Area College in Park Hills, Missouri in 1991. From 1991 through 1993 Harrison served as a Military Police Officer in the United States Marine Corps, from which she received an Honorable Discharge. Harrison later received a Bachelor of Public Administration degree from Barry University in Florida, a Master of Science degree from Palm Beach Atlantic University in Florida, as well as successfully completing Palm Beach Community College's Florida Leadership Academy and The Southern Police Institute's Command Officers Development Course.

Harrison has been with the Boynton Beach police department since 1999, starting as a police recruit and moving up the ranks to her current position as Executive Officer and direct assistant to the Chief of Police. Her current position with the Boynton police department covers a wide assortment of responsibilities, including scheduling for the department's 70 patrol officers, 16 sergeants, 3 lieutenants; fleet management and administration of approximately 170 police vehicles; planning, organizing and implementation of emergency management procedures; and extensive written and verbal communication on behalf of the police department with the city's department heads, city manager and city staff.

In addition to her service on the Boynton Beach police department, Harrison is an adjunct instructor for the law enforcement and corrections academies at Palm Beach State College's Criminal Justice Institute in Lake Worth, Florida. Harrison holds a Florida Department of Law Enforcement instructor certification in areas like Defensive Tactics, Vehicle Operations, Firearms, First Aid, and General Topics, which includes ethics, legal communications, patrol, and all other topics taught at the basic academy level.

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