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### **TOWN OF WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH APPOINTS LEADERSHIP OF POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

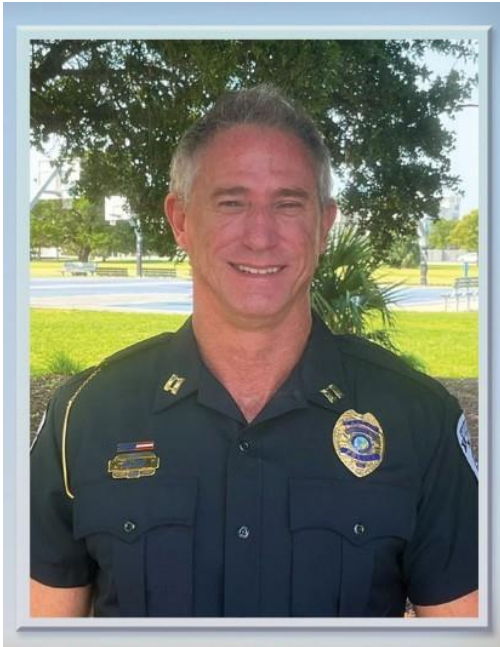
**WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH, N.C.** – Today, the [Town of Wrightsville Beach](#) named the individuals who will oversee two of the Town’s departments, the Wrightsville Beach Police Department (WBPD) and the Wrightsville Beach Fire Department (WBFD). Interim Police Chief Jason Bishop will continue serving the Town as its police chief, and Acting Fire Chief Matt Holland will maintain his role overseeing the WBFD as the fire chief. Both Bishop and Holland have extensive careers with the Town of Wrightsville Beach, bringing a unique mix of experience and community knowledge to their respective roles.

“We are excited to announce the permanent appointments of Chief Bishop and Chief Holland,” said Haynes Brigman, Town Manager of Wrightsville Beach. “Both Jason and Matt are integral figures in our community, and their proven commitment to ensuring the safety of residents and guests made it an easy decision. We are thankful for their continued service and confident in their ability to lead these important town departments.”

Bishop has been with the WBPD for more than 26 years, assuming the position of interim police chief in July 2024. Bishop held several positions within the department including sergeant and captain. He is the recipient of numerous recognitions throughout his career, including WBPD Officer of the Year (2007 and 2020), New Hanover County District Attorney’s Service Above Self Award (2015), WBPD Medal of Valor (2015), and the WBPD Lifesaving Award (2015). He earned his bachelor’s degree in criminal justice and criminology from the University of Mount Olive, and holds certifications in advanced law enforcement, tactical officers training, and administrative officers management.

Holland began his career with the Wbfd in 2006 as a fire equipment operator and was promoted to captain in 2012. He served as acting fire chief since January 2024. His career in fire service began in 2000 including both part-time and full-time positions with Benhaven Emergency Services in Sanford, N.C. and the Spring Lake Fire and Rescue Department in Spring Lake, N.C. He received his bachelor's degree in fire science from Columbia Southern University and holds several certifications in the fire, rescue, and emergency services fields.

For more information about the Town of Wrightsville Beach, visit [townofwrightsvillebeach.com](http://townofwrightsvillebeach.com).



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