

NORTH LITTLE ROCK POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE



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NLRPD TO PROMOTE PATRICK THESSING TO POLICE CHIEF

North Little Rock, Arkansas (February 11, 2021) – On March 5, 2021 at approximately 1:00 pm, The Mayor of North Little Rock, Terry Hartwick, will promote Captain Patrick Thessing to be the newest Police Chief for the NLRPD. Patrick Thessing will take his oath of office at that time.

Patrick Thessing began his law enforcement career with the NLRPD on September 25, 1995. Over the span of his twenty-six years with the NLRPD, he has worked as Patrol Officer, Homicide Detective and Training Officer. On February 1, 2006, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and was first assigned to the Patrol Division and then assigned to the Professional Standards Unit as an Investigator. He served in that position until he was promoted to Lieutenant on April 1, 2013 and was, once again, assigned to the Patrol Division until he was transferred to the Professional Development Division as the CALEA Accreditation Manager. He stayed in that position for several years until he moved back to the Investigations Division. Patrick Thessing remained the Investigations Lieutenant until he was promoted to Captain on August 16, 2019. He was, once again, assigned to the Patrol Division as the Division Commander and has remained in that position since.

Captain Thessing has served in numerous specialty units throughout his career, attained certifications as an FAA Certified Drone Operator, Special Response Team Commander, Critical Incident Robot Operator, Crime Scene Technician, and is a graduate of the Criminal Justice Institute's School of Law Enforcement Supervision.

Captain Thessing is the proud father of three young men, attended Memphis State University and is a graduate of Little Rock Catholic High School. His hobbies include drawing, painting, working on cars and playing the guitar.

We hope that you find the time to help us broadcast Captain Thessing's promotion as the NLRPD's next Chief. An area will be established for the media. Please plan on arriving at 12:40 at the latest to set up.

Please call me if you have any questions.

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