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## **Police Commission Offers Capt Raymond Osborne Police Chief Job**

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Darien Police Capt. Raymond Osborne has been offered the job of Chief of Police after a unanimous vote Wednesday afternoon by the Police Commission.

"I think he's going to make an absolutely superb chief of police for the town of Darien," Commission Chairman J. Paul Johnson said immediately after the vote.

"Hear, Hear" Commission member Kim Huffard added.

"He's outstanding," Police Chief Duane Lovello said.

The commission chose Osborne after a 2 1/2 hour executive session in which three members of the department were interviewed. After the executive session, which had been scheduled to start at 2:30 p.m., the

commission had been scheduled to hold a public session at 4:30 p.m., but the executive session continued for almost another half an hour before the six-minute public session began.

The other two candidates' names were kept confidential. Police officials had previously said that the commission intended to choose a candidate from within the department.

'I would say for the record," Johnson said after the vote, "the interviews of all three candidates were outstanding, and when you interview three such fine people, all excellent officers, that it's always hard to choose.

"We're very happy to make the offer to Capt. Osborne. I think he's going to make an absolutely superb chief of police for the town of Darien."

Osborne and the town will have to agree on a contract before he takes the job when Lovello retires on Feb. 15. Employment contracts for Darien police chiefs are open-ended, with no fixed terms.

Last July, Osborne was promoted to captain from lieutenant when other resignations opened up several positions in the department.

Osborne's current position includes overseeing the [Field Services Bureau](#), which includes not only the Patrol Division but also the Detective Division. The bureau also includes the Youth and Marine divisions. Nearly all of the department's sworn officers work in one of the divisions in the Field Services Bureau.

Last July, in a news release, the department gave this description of Osborne's 32-year career:

He began his law enforcement career with the Easton Police Department in 1981 prior to joining the Darien Police Department in 1983. A 1997 graduate of the Fairfield County Detective School, he was appointed to the Detective Division and served as a member of the Fairfield County Regional Burglary Squad.

Promoted to sergeant in 2000 and lieutenant in 2008, he served as the Administrative Lieutenant prior to returning to the Patrol Division. He is a 2010 graduate of the Roger Williams University Mid-Level Police Management program and a 2013 graduate of PERF's Senior Management Institute for Police training program at Boston University.

Capt. Osborne holds both a B.S. and M.S. in Criminal Justice from Iona College and presently serves as an adjunct professor at Housatonic Community College.

He also serves as the Commander of the Southwest Regional Emergency Response Team Hostage Negotiation Unit and supervises the Darien Police Department Domestic Violence Unit.

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