



VILLAGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE

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Commander Kimberly Covelli Promoted to Deputy Chief of Police

(LINCOLNSHIRE, III.) The Lincolnshire Police Department is proud to announce the promotion of Commander Kimberly Covelli to the position of Deputy Chief of Police effective January 9, 2023.

Covelli will be sworn in as Deputy Chief of Police by Mayor Elizabeth J. Brandt during the Regular Village Board Meeting on Monday, January 9 at 7 p.m.

"Deputy Chief Covelli performs at an exceptional level and has asserted herself as a leader in every position she's held in Lincolnshire," Joe Leonas, Chief of Police, said. "Her promotion is well-deserved and will provide a clear succession plan for the Police Department."

As Deputy Chief of Police, Covelli will assist the Chief of Police in coordinating day-to-day services in the Police Department. Additionally, she will be responsible for internal affairs investigations and oversee the progress of the Department's annual goals and staff priorities for both operations and support services. Finally, Covelli will assign projects to staff; evaluate performance; and play a central role in hiring, promotion, and termination recommendations.

Covelli is well-trained for this position after successfully attending the Senior Management Institute for Police at the Police Executive Research Forum in Boston, MA and obtaining the Illinois Certification for Police Chief in 2022.

"Covelli is not only the first person to be promoted to the Deputy Chief position since 2017, but she's also the first woman in Lincolnshire's history to lead the Department in this role. The Village is better served with her guidance," Brandt stated.

"Deputy Chief Covelli's leadership extends well beyond the Police Department. Throughout her tenure with Lincolnshire, she significantly contributed to several internal, multi-departmental committees to improve services for the public," Brad Burke, Village Manager, said.

Hired as a Lincolnshire police officer in 2002, Covelli was later appointed as the School Resource Officer at Adlai E. Stevenson High School in 2008 where she served until her promotion to Sergeant in 2012. She was then promoted to Commander in 2017.

Covelli graduated from Northwestern University's School for Police Staff and Command in 2015, and holds a master's degree in business administration and bachelor's degree in sociology.

In 2017, Chief Leonas removed the position of deputy chief and replaced the rank with two commander positions. With the reimplementation of the deputy chief position, one commander position will remain.

The Village of Lincolnshire, 1957, is a northern suburb of Chicago and is conveniently adjacent to the Tri-State Tollway. Lincolnshire is home to 7,940 residents, two nationally-recognized public school districts, and over 400 businesses – a number of which are global headquarters and Fortune 500 companies.

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