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Andre T. Sayles Being Sworn In as Chief of Police

May 10, 2021 - Andre T. Sayles will be sworn in as the City of Beloit Chief of Police at a public ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 13, 2021, at the Harry C. Moore Pavilion, located at Riverside Park in Beloit, Wisconsin.

Sayles was previously sworn in at a private ceremony on April 19th and took office on that date.

Following opening comments by City Manager Lori Curtis Luther, the chief will be sworn in by Sgt. Ryan Flanagan. Chief Sayles' badge will be pinned on by his wife, Kristin Sayles. The Oath of Honor will be administered by Capt. Daniel Molland.

Face coverings and social distancing are required at all times. If an individual has COVID-19 symptoms, has been exposed to COVID-19 or is currently positive for COVID-19, they can watch the program virtually.

There is limited capacity at the event. If attendance reaches capacity, you will be asked to watch the program online. The ceremony will be live streamed on Facebook at www.facebook.com/beloitpolice1. A video of the ceremony will also be made available online later in the evening.

Members of the media, please RSVP by noon Thursday, May 13, 2021, to Sarah Lock. Please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony to set up in a socially distanced manner.

Sayles has an extensive background in community policing. Sayles began his career with the Beloit Police Department in January of 2005, where he served as a sergeant, lieutenant, captain and now chief. During Sayles' tenure in Beloit, he led the Drug and Gang Investigative Unit, Community Outreach Unit, Defensive and Arrest Tactics Instructors, Training Cadre, Mobile Field Force Unit, Tactical Operations Unit, Assessment and Recruitment Team, and revitalized the Explorers program.

Sayles is a graduate of Wisconsin Command College Class #6, Leadership in Police Organizations, and is the 2nd Vice President of the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Executive Development Association. Sayles is also an instructor at Madison College, where he teaches police and

community relations, report writing, and interview techniques. Sayles is also a member of the Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, International Association of Chiefs of Police, and Police Executive Research Forum.

Chief Sayles holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Iowa Wesleyan University and is currently pursuing a master's degree in criminal justice, with an emphasis on police leadership.

While serving as sergeant of patrol, Sayles was awarded a Hometown Hero award for his efforts in community collaboration.

Chief Sayles is a member of the Rock County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and its Evidence Based Decision Making Team; a board member for Beloit Community Health Systems, YMCA, and Family Services of Southern Wisconsin & Northern Illinois. Chief Sayles also is a speaker for the annual Male Minority Leadership Conference, which is hosted by Rock Valley College.

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