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Chamblee Police Swears-in First Female Assistant Police Chief

Andrianne Byrd makes history as part of Chamblee's Command Staff

August 8, 2024 — In a historic and celebratory event, the Chamblee Police Department welcomed its newest leader, Assistant Police Chief Andrianne Byrd. The swearing-in ceremony, held on July 25th at the Chamblee Police Department, marks a significant milestone in the department's history as Byrd becomes the first female to hold this prestigious position. Assistant Chief Byrd's journey to this pivotal role is a testament to her dedication, resilience, and commitment to public service. With over 28 years of experience in law enforcement, she has steadily climbed the ranks through the Miami-Dade Police Department as a Patrol Officer, Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Police Major and Division Chief. Chief Byrd joining the Chamblee Police Department is not just a personal achievement, but a symbol of progress and a step towards greater diversity and inclusion within the police force.

"After 28 and a half years at the Miami-Dade Police Department and two years of retirement, it's good to come back and serve the community," said Assistant Police Chief Andrianne Byrd. "As Assistant Police Chief, I am focused on what the needs are of Chamblee and how this community wants to see their community serviced. It's also important that younger women see that they can succeed in this male dominated field. It's not about your sex, but it's about your commitment to what you do. As long as you are committed and knowledgeable in your field, the opportunities are there."

As Assistant Police Chief, Chief Byrd will oversee the internal day-to-day operations and structure of staff within the Chamblee Police Department. A native of Miami, Florida, Chief Byrd obtained a Master of Science in Organizational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University, a Bachelor of Science in Economics from Florida A&M University and completed the Command Officers Development Course from

the University of Louisville. She was instrumental in implementing weekly “Walks and Talks” within the South District of Miami creating a safe space for community members and business owners to share their concerns with law enforcement. She also developed a comprehensive recruitment plan for the Miami-Dade Police Department that addressed the need to select candidates that mirrored the makeup of their diverse community. Chief Byrd has been the recipient of the Exceptional Service Award, Employee Excellence Award, Officer of the Month, PBA Officer of the Year Nominee, the Progressive Officer Club’s Women of the Year, along with other accolades.

“I am so excited to have Chief Byrd come aboard as our Assistant Police Chief,” said Chamblee Police Chief Michael Dieppa. “I’ve known Chief Byrd for numerous years, and I know she brings a wealth of knowledge and experience from policing in a diverse community. She will use that knowledge to provide assistance to myself and our department to help make Chamblee the greatest community in the state of Georgia.”

Photo: Police Chief Michael Dieppa swearing-in Assistant Police Chief Andrianne Byrd

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Located just 14 miles from downtown Atlanta, Chamblee is a vibrant urban city with a diverse community and international flair. The City of Chamblee began as a small rail town and was incorporated in 1908. It has grown to more than seven square miles and nearly 30,000 residents. Chamblee is home to a heavy rail MARTA station, a historic downtown and Antique Row, the vibrant Buford Highway Corridor, DeKalb-Peachtree Airport (PDK), the Centers for Disease Control and a thriving business community with a unique sense of entrepreneurship and optimism. Visit www.chambleega.com for more information.