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## **Town of Berlin Announces Howard Drewer as Chief of Police**

Berlin, MD – The Town of Berlin is pleased to announce the appointment of Colonel Howard “Howie” Drewer as the Town’s next Chief of Police, effective Monday, April 20, 2026. Chief Drewer brings with him nearly three decades of distinguished law enforcement and military service, marked by a steadfast commitment to public safety, leadership, and community engagement.

Chief Drewer recently retired from the Salisbury Police Department, where he served with distinction for more than 27 years, most recently as Assistant Chief of Police. Throughout his tenure, he held key leadership roles across both Operations and Administration, demonstrating a strong ability to guide complex public safety initiatives while fostering trust within the community. His career included service as a detective with the Wicomico Narcotics Task Force, membership in the Tactical (SWAT) Unit, and participation in community policing efforts that strengthened relationships between law enforcement and residents.

Prior to his law enforcement career, Chief Drewer served honorably in the United States Army, continuing his service concurrently in the Army Reserve and retiring at the rank of Sergeant Major. His military career included deployments to Bosnia, Korea, Afghanistan, and Iraq, reflecting a lifetime commitment to serving both his country and his community with integrity and courage.

Chief Drewer is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and has received numerous commendations throughout his career, including Chief’s Awards, Meritorious Service Awards, Exceptional Service Awards, and the Distinguished Service Award. Beyond his accolades, he is widely respected for his mentorship of fellow officers, his steady leadership, and his unwavering dedication to those he serves.

“On behalf of the Town of Berlin, I am proud to welcome Chief Drewer to our community,” said Mayor Zack Tyndall. “His record of leadership, integrity, and service speaks for itself. Chief Drewer brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to community-oriented policing that aligns perfectly with Berlin’s values. I am confident he will continue to build upon the strong foundation of our police department while

fostering trust, transparency, and excellence in public safety.”

“Serving the Berlin community is both an honor and a responsibility I take seriously. I am committed to leading with integrity, building lasting relationships, and ensuring our department reflects the values and expectations of the Berlin community,” said Chief Drewer.

As Chief of Police, Drewer will lead the Berlin Police Department with a focus on public safety, community partnership, and organizational excellence. The Town looks forward to his leadership and the continued strength of its commitment to serving residents and visitors alike. A swearing-in ceremony will be announced at a later date.

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