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Miami Beach Police Chief Swearing-In Ceremony

— Thursday, Aug. 31 at 10 a.m., New World Center —

Miami Beach, FL – Join the City of Miami Beach on Thursday, Aug. 31 at 10 a.m. in the New World Center for the swearing-in ceremony of Chief Wayne A. Jones, who will become the city's 21st Miami Beach Police Chief.

Chief Jones has been with the Miami Beach Police Department since 1996 and has held every rank, including patrol officer, detective, sergeant, lieutenant, captain, major, and, most recently, deputy chief for the past four years. His promotion makes him the city's first Black police chief.

Over the past 27 years, Jones has been an integral part of the department's growth. He created the human trafficking unit, which went on to lead Miami-Dade County in investigations and arrests for sex trafficking offenses. As a sergeant in community affairs, he developed the structure of what would later become the nationally recognized Homeless Resource Officer Program. In addition, Jones implemented new recruitment strategies to boost the number of female police officers from 12% to 18% of all new hires.

Jones obtained his undergraduate degree in political science and public administration from Florida Memorial University and his master's in public administration from Florida International University. He completed the FBI's Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar and the Police Executive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Police program.

An aviation enthusiast and licensed pilot, he also holds an associate degree from Miami Dade College in professional piloting and technology.

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WHEN: Thursday, Aug. 31, 2023 at 10 a.m. (Doors open at 9 a.m.)
WHERE: 500 17 Street (New World Center)

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