

City of Columbia



Introduction Ceremony for the Chief of Police Columbia Police Department

Agenda

Welcome and Introduction of City Council Members

City Manager Teresa Wilson

Overview of Selection Process and Introduction of the Chief of Police

City Manager Teresa Wilson

Remarks

Chief William "Skip" Holbrook

Closing Remarks

Mayor Steve Benjamin

Adjourn

Press Briefing

Immediately following the Introduction Ceremony, a press briefing will be held in the Columbia Police Department Headquarters (Multi-Purpose Room) for all media representatives.



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Chief William “Skip” Holbrook



Chief William “Skip” Holbrook currently serves as the Police Chief for the Huntington, West Virginia Police Department, where he manages 111 sworn and 15 civilian forces and a \$12 million dollar annual budget. Chief Holbrook will be sworn in as Columbia’s new Police Chief on April, 11, 2014.

While Chief of the Huntington Police Department, he established a Digital Forensics Unit, as well as Information Technology and Crime Analysis Offices. Under his direction and leadership, overall reported crime reached a 27-year low.

Chief Holbrook has served as Assistant Special Agent in Charge for the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation. He has also worked for the Charlotte Police Department as a Police Officer/Detective.

Chief Holbrook has been awarded Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by the West Virginia Association of Justice and District Agent of the Year by the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation. He has also received the Medal of Merit for his work with the Charlotte Police Department. The Huntington Police Department received the U.S. Attorney’s Award for Law Enforcement Agency of the Year in both 2011 and 2012.

Chief Holbrook is a graduate of the FBI Academy and has an MBA from Pfeiffer University and BA from Marshall University.



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Police Department Profile



The Columbia Police Department is comprised of 407 sworn officers and 91 non-sworn personnel for a total of 498 employees. The department has a current operating budget of \$31.7 million from the General Fund budget. This amount does not include \$1.8 million in General Bond Obligation funding, that provides for the purchase of vehicles and equipment.

The Columbia Police Department's jurisdiction is divided into 5 police regions as follows: West, North, Metro, South and East. Each area is managed by a regional commander, who is in charge of the daily operations in their region. Regional decentralization allows the department's leadership to establish community safety plans that are unique to each geographic area, without losing the citywide identity or decreasing comprehensive service delivery.

The men and women of the Columbia Police Department work hard each day to maintain the operations of the department and provide a safe environment for citizens, business owners and visitors.

If you would like more information about jurisdictions, programs or services provided the Columbia Police Department, please visit the website at www.columbiapd.net or call 803-545-3500.



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Quotes

"I have been very impressed with Chief Holbrook personally and his remarkable career of accomplishments and I have no doubt that he will continue that record here. He can count on my full support and I look forward to working with him to make sure the men and women of the Columbia Police Department have everything they need to make ours a truly safe city."

~Mayor Steve Benjamin

"I am proud to welcome Chief Holbrook to the City of Columbia and look forward to working with him, the command staff and the men and women of the Columbia Police Department to take our public safety operations to the next level. Through Chief Holbrook's guidance, we will begin a new era of integrity and strong leadership."

~City Manager Teresa Wilson

"I am committed to operational transparency in everything we will do at the Columbia Police Department. Transparency and accountability are imperative for ensuring public trust. Together, our officers, citizens, city management, the mayor and council and our partnering agencies will find lasting solutions and build a world-class police department and a world-class city."

~Chief William Holbrook



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Fact Sheet

The following information provides details regarding the compensation and benefits package for Chief William "Skip" Holbrook.

Official Start Date - Swearing-in ceremony will be held on April 11, 2014

Salary - \$121,500

Benefits Package:

- **Moving and Relocation**
- **Travel and Transportation**
- **Transitional Living Expenses**
- **Home Buying/Selling Assistance**

Standard Employee Benefits:

- **Health**
- **Dental**
- **Vision**
- **Retirement**

City Vehicle