

# NEW POLICE CHIEF APPOINTED



**PRESS RELEASE  
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## *South Holland Village Board Appoints Shawn Staples to position of Police Chief*

(South Holland, IL) The Village of South Holland is pleased to announce the appointment of its new police chief, Shawn Staples. The appointment by Mayor Don De Graff to fill the vacancy of retired chief Greg Baker was unanimously supported by the Public Safety Committee, and the Village Board. Chief Staples, a graduate of Northwestern University School of Staff & Command, has 25 years of experience in law enforcement, including progressive command-level responsibilities.

He began his career in South Holland in 2002 as a patrol officer, and over the course of a decade, Staples advanced to school resource officer, detective, and to patrol sergeant. He served in the capacity of special operations sergeant, lieutenant, and most recently, deputy police chief.

Prior to his tenure with the South Holland Police Department, Staples served nearly 10 years with the State of Illinois Department of Corrections.

Through the course of his career, Staples gained invaluable knowledge and experience in investigative techniques, riot/crowd control, close quarter combat, bomb and explosives, rapid response, terrorist attacks, defensive tactics, and asset forfeiture. In addition, he is a former member of S.S.E.R.T. (South Suburban Emergency Response Team).

His contributions to law enforcement have been recognized at the local, regional and state level, including Officer of the Year and commendation for professionalism and dedication, S.S.E.R.T.

Shawn Staples was appointed to the position of Police Chief during the Village Board meeting on October 3, 2017.



Pictured above is the newly appointed Police Chief Shawn Staples (left) with retired Police Chief Greg Baker.

“ Shawn Staples has served the village very well, gaining the highest respect for his outstanding leadership and integrity. I am confident he will serve the village with distinction in the capacity of Police Chief.

” - Don A. De Graff  
Mayor

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