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Town of Forest Heights Appoints Daniel Ruffin as Chief of Police

Forest Heights, MD — The Town of Forest Heights is proud to announce the appointment of Daniel Everett Ruffin as the new Chief of Police for the Forest Heights Police Department. Chief Ruffin brings a wealth of law enforcement leadership, community engagement, and instructional experience that will strengthen the Department’s mission to serve and protect the residents of Forest Heights with integrity and professionalism.

Chief Ruffin joins Forest Heights from the Mount Rainier Police Department, where he served as Acting Patrol and Administrative Commander. In this role, he lead comprehensive police operations including personnel management, training coordination, and field supervision. He has overseen the development and evaluation of operations sergeants, coordinated specialized training initiatives, supervised field training officer programs, and managed recruitment and internship functions.

In addition to his municipal service, Chief Ruffin serves as an Adjunct Professor and Police Instructor at Anne Arundel Community College Police Academy, where he teaches courses on Criminal Justice, Traffic Safety, and Advanced Police Tactics to police recruits. His academic and practical expertise reflects his deep commitment to professional development and the advancement of modern policing practices.

“This appointment is about strengthening our foundation for the future. Chief Ruffin has led in the field, in training environments, and in security operations with precision. I have full confidence that his leadership will help us enhance community confidence, and move Forest Heights toward the safer, stronger town our residents deserve,” said Troy Barrington Lilly, the Town’s Mayor.”

Chief Ruffin Said “I am honored to lead the Forest Heights Police Department with an unwavering commitment to our residents, faithful to my service and duty, and guided by integrity in every decision. Together, we will build a safer, more trusting community where excellence in policing and respect for every neighbor define our future.”

About the Town of Forest Heights

Incorporated in 1949, the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland, is a vibrant and diverse community located in southern Prince George’s County, just minutes from the Nation’s Capital. The Town is committed to promoting sustainable growth, fiscal responsibility, and strong community engagement. Forest Heights continues to lead in innovative municipal initiatives—ranging from environmental sustainability and infrastructure modernization to public safety and resident services—while maintaining a deep sense of community pride and partnership among residents, businesses, and local leaders.