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William K. Younginer to Become New Police Chief for Carolina Beach; Richard Harrison Declines Position;

CAROLINA BEACH, NC----William K. "Billy" Younginer, currently Chief of Police for Holly Hill, SC, has accepted the offer to become Carolina Beach's new chief. Earlier this month, the Town announced that Lt. Richard Harrison of the Miami Shores Police Department had been hired as police chief. However, late last week, Lt. Harrison informed the town manager that he has decided to decline the offer due to personal reasons.

"After much reflection, my family and I decided we were not ready to make the lifestyle transition from Florida to North Carolina," Lt. Harrison stated in a telephone interview.

Chief Younginer, 48, has accepted the position and he will start on October 18, 2004. His starting salary will be \$59,720.

"Younginer is a strong police chief and I believe he will be an asset to Carolina Beach," said Town Manager Calvin Peck. He added "It is unfortunate that Lt. Harrison declined the position, however sometimes during the hiring process, these things happen. Fortunately for us, Younginer and Harrison were extremely close in the ranking process – so we will still have an excellent chief."

"I am excited about the opportunity to be the Chief of Police for Carolina Beach. My wife and I look forward to becoming a part of the community. The Town and Police Department have an excellent reputation and I am sure that with all of our efforts, we can continue to make great things happen in Carolina Beach," Chief Younginer said.



Lt. Kurt Bartley of the Carolina Beach Police Department will serve as Interim Chief until Younginer takes over. Mr. Peck said he selected Lt. Bartley as Interim because he wants him to have this temporary chief duty for his future professional development.

Background Information on Chief Billy Younginer

Chief Younginer was raised in Moncks Corner, South Carolina and attended High School at Carlisle Military School in Bamberg, South Carolina, graduating in 1973. He attended Spartanburg Methodist College in Spartanburg, South Carolina graduating with an AA degree in Liberal Arts in 1975. He then attended The Baptist College at Charleston, where he majored in Criminal Justice and was a Cadet with the Reserve Officers Training Corps, (ROTC). He graduated in May of 1977 with a BS in Criminal Justice and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force.

He was assigned duties with the Air Force Police, his first assignment at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri where he was assigned duties as Shift Commander. He was responsible for base law enforcement as well as a nuclear weapons storage area and nuclear launch facilities covering 16,000 square miles. While at Whiteman, he attended Central Missouri State University where he earned a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice. After becoming the Operations Officer at Whiteman, he was transferred to Homestead Air Force Base in Florida as the Operations Officer supervising five operations branches, investigations and emergency response teams.

In 1984, Younginer was selected to teach ROTC and was assigned to Clemson University. He instructed students and was the Recruiting Officer, responsible for the Air Force College Scholarship program, which was named "Best in the Nation." In 1987, he was transferred to Goodfellow Air Force Base in Texas as the Commander/Chief of Police. At Goodfellow, he supervised Police operations for the Air Forces largest Top Secret intelligence facility and directed weapons training and jail facilities. In 1991, he was transferred to Myrtle Beach Air Force Base in South Carolina as the Commander/Chief of Police, where he remained until the Base closure in 1992. He was then transferred to Langley Air Force Base in Virginia and assigned to the U.S. Air Force Office of the Inspector General as a Police Inspector. He was responsible for inspecting the Air Combat Command Police agencies, which included some 349 units and over 250,000 police personnel. He determined readiness and capabilities through administrative and operational inspections.

During Operation Desert Storm he was deployed for approximately 120 days to Saudi Arabia as the Police Commander for the 4404th composite wing. His duties there included supervision of seven police outfits throughout the region. In 1994, William took advantage of the Air Force early retirement program, retiring as a Major. He went through the Virginia Police Academy and took a job with the Hampton Police Department. At Hampton, he was selected as Rookie of the Year and performed duties as patrol officer, Field Training Officer and was in Charge of the Cities Neighborhood and Business Watch programs. He was also an instructor for Virginia's Breath Testing Certification process. In June of 1997, he returned to his home state of South Carolina as Chief of Police for the Town of Holly Hill.

While in Holly Hill, Chief Younginer has instituted training programs and helps several agencies in the area, train Reserve Police Officers. He has written grant proposals and obtained funding for four police officers, night vision equipment, a thermal imager, vehicles, protective vests and scores of other equipment at little or no cost to the Town. His Military Decorations include, The Meritorious Service Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, The Air Force Commendation Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, The Air Force Achievement Medal, The Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, The Air Force Organizational Excellence Award, The National Defense Service Medal With 1 Bronze Service Star, The Southwest Asia Service Medal with 1 Bronze Service Star, The Air Force Longevity Service Award with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with 1 Bronze Service Star, and the Air Force Training Ribbon.

Chief Younginer is married to the former Darlene Sullivan of Moncks Corner, South Carolina, and they have two grown children, Jeremy and Brandy.

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