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CITY OF URBANA ANNOUNCES MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

The City of Urbana Mayor, Diane Wolfe Marlin, is pleased to announce the following Mayoral Appointments for both the Fire and Police Departments at the City of Urbana:

1. Deputy Fire Chief – Steven Doggett (term ending June 30, 2025)
2. Deputy Fire Chief – Tal Prendergast (term ending June 30, 2025)
3. Deputy Chief of Police – Rich Surles (term ending June 30, 2025)
4. Deputy Chief of Police – David Smysor (term ending June 30, 2025)

Please review the attached photos and bios of newly appointed staff.

Mayor Marlin also appointed the following City of Urbana Commissioners:

5. Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission – Carmen Franks (term ending June 30, 2027)
6. Tree Commission – Elise Doody-Jones (term ending June 30, 2027)
7. Sustainability Advisory Commission Youth Seat – Gabriel Doussard (term ending April 24, 2025)

The previous were all approved by the Urbana City Council in a vote during the regular meeting, September 30, 2024.

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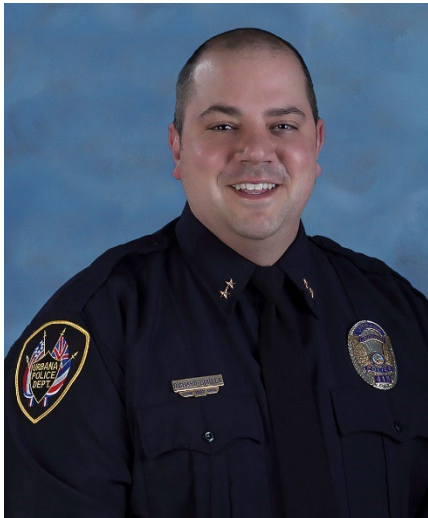


URBANA POLICE DEPARTMENT DEPUTY CHIEFS APPOINTED

The Urbana City Mayor, Diane Wolfe Marlin, has reappointed Richard Surles and appointed David Smysor each to Deputy Chief of Police, effective September 30, 2024.

Chief of Police, Larry D. Boone said, "I am pleased to announce the reappointment of Senior Deputy Chief Richard Surles, who brings a wealth of experience and will continue to oversee both the Criminal Investigations Division and the Administrative Support Division. Additionally, I am thrilled to announce the appointment of Lieutenant Dave Smysor, a recent graduate of the FBI National Academy, as Deputy Chief, overseeing the Operations Division. I am confident that these two individuals will play a crucial role in transforming the Urbana Police Department into a twenty-first century police department."

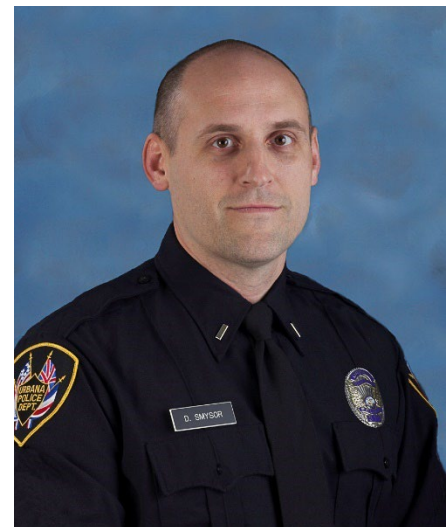
Deputy Chief of Police Richard Surles



Richard Surles, Deputy Chief of Police for Investigations and Administrative Support, began his law enforcement career in September 1997. Throughout his service, he has held various key positions, including Patrol Officer and Detective. He was promoted to Patrol Division Sergeant in 2007, rose to the rank of Patrol Division Lieutenant in 2010, and Criminal Investigations Division Lieutenant in 2015. In 2019, he achieved the rank of Deputy Chief and effortlessly managed the transition and operations as Interim Chief of Police in 2022, ensuring stability and continuity within the department. Currently, Deputy Chief Surles oversees the Criminal Investigations and Services Divisions, as well as the Office of Community Relations.

Deputy Chief of Police David Smysor

Deputy Chief of Police Dave Smysor has committed 23 years to the Urbana Police Department, commencing his service in June 2001 as a Patrol Officer. In 2017, Smysor was promoted to Sergeant, overseeing the midnight Patrol shift. In 2019, he returned to the Criminal Investigations Division as a Detective Sergeant and, concurrently, attained the rank of Lieutenant for the division. In 2022, he assumed the role of Lieutenant for the Patrol Division where he serves and oversees the day shift and the coordination of the Field Training Program. Most recently, he was appointed to the role as Deputy Chief in 2024.



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URBANA FIRE DEPART DEPUTY CHIEFS APPOINTED

The Urbana City Mayor, Diane Wolfe Marlin, has appointed Tal Prendergast and Steven Doggett each to Deputy Fire Chief, effective September 30, 2024.

“The addition of a second Deputy Fire Chief brings the Urbana Fire Department one step closer to a stable and efficient administrative infrastructure, capable of supporting our operational functions,” Chief Dade said of adding another Deputy Fire Chief to UFD.

Deputy Fire Chief Tal Prendergast



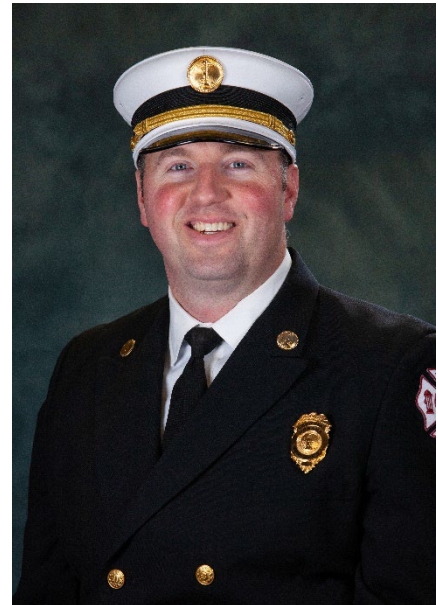
Tal Prendergast was appointed as Deputy Fire Chief for the City of Urbana, Illinois. An Urbana native and Urbana High School graduate, Deputy Fire Chief Prendergast holds a bachelor of science in Technical Systems Management from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Deputy Fire Chief Prendergast has 28 years of experience in the fire service including 15 years with the Urbana Fire Department, 5 years with the Danville Fire Department, and 21 years with the University of Illinois Fire Service Institute. All locations are in Illinois.

Deputy Fire Chief Steven Doggett

Steven Doggett is a newly appointed Deputy Fire Chief for the City of Urbana, Illinois. Deputy Fire Chief Doggett comes from a 26-year fire service background beginning as a volunteer firefighter with the Westville Fire Department, located in Illinois.

He has worked diligently to make firefighting his career by joining the City of Urbana in 2006. In addition to his career at Urbana, he also serves as the State Fire Academy Director at the University of Illinois Fire Service Institute. Deputy Fire Chief Doggett holds a bachelor's degree in Fire Service Management from Southern Illinois University and a master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Illinois Springfield.



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