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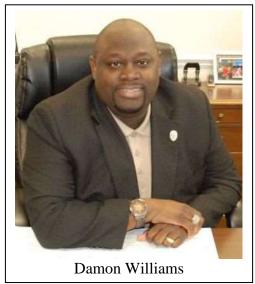
Mooresville hires new police chief

Mooresville Town Manager Erskine Smith announced Monday that Damon Williams of Tarboro has been named Mooresville police chief.

He succeeds Carl Robbins, who retired last summer, and will begin his duties April 4.

Since Robbins' retirement, Maj. Bryan Anderson has served as interim chief for the department and was one of several candidates for the permanent position.

The town conducted interviews, as well as contracted with Colin Baenziger & Associates, an executive recruiting firm, for the recruitment and hiring process for the new chief.



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"The Town conducted an extensive search to find the right person to serve as our next Police Chief. We had some outstanding internal and external candidates. Throughout the process, we focused on what would be best for the department, the Town of Mooresville and the community at large today and in the future," said Smith.

"Damon Williams has strong leadership skills, will be a great complement to the existing staff at the Mooresville Police Department, and will easily engage throughout our community."

Williams has served as chief of police for the Tarboro Police Department since 2012 and as an adjunct professor of Criminal Justice at Edgecombe Community College since 2013. Prior to Tarboro, Williams served in various roles with the Maxton Police Department, Taylortown Police Department and Campus Police at Fayetteville State University since 2005. He holds an associate degree in Applied and Criminal Justice Technology from Sandhills Community College, a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Fayetteville State University, and a Master of Business Administration in Public Administration from Columbia Southern University.

"I am both honored and humbled to be named the new Chief of Police for the Mooresville Police Department," said Williams. "I look forward to working with the staff and continuing positive partnerships throughout the Mooresville community."