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Inkster Police Chief Becomes Newest Appointee to DWMHA Board of Directors

DETROIT, MI. - September 25, 2018 - Inkster Police Chief William T. Riley III was appointed to the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority's Board of Directors by Wayne County Executive Warren Evans and the Wayne County Commission. He will serve a three-year term. Mr. Riley also holds a position on DWMHA's Substance Use Disorder Oversight Policy Board.



Mr. Riley has had a distinguished 30-year career in law enforcement serving several communities in Alabama and Virginia. In his current position as Inkster Chief of Police, he has restructured the department and developed community partnerships reducing crime in the city by 16% over the last two years.

Chief Riley believes that by serving on the DWMHA Board of Directors it gives him the opportunity to provide perspective to his community about prevention and treatment resources that are available to people receiving mental health services in Wayne County.

Since the inception of the DWMHA Narcan program, Chief Riley has mandated that all Inkster police officers utilize the Opioid Overdose Kits resulting in thirteen lives saved. Chief Riley has also implemented Movie Nights for Inkster Youth sponsored by DWMHA, promoting prevention and healthy lifestyles in the community.

Prior to moving to Michigan, he served seven years as Police Chief in Selma, Alabama where he oversaw a department of 50 employees, established and re-established essential departments including narcotics, internal affairs and a K-9 Unit. He also worked for 24 years for the Newport News Police Department in Virginia where he was employed in various capacities including Lieutenant and Captain.

The DWMHA Board of Directors, executive leadership and staff are pleased to have Mr. Riley on the Board. His term will expire in March, 2021.

The Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority (DWMHA) is the largest and most diverse CMH system in Michigan. We are committed to being consumer and community focused, data driven and evidence based. Through programs and services that utilize promising best practices we hope to promote a community that is supportive and embraces individuals with mental illness, developmental disabilities and substance use disorder. We offer supports in Infant Mental Health, Integrated Healthcare, Supportive Housing, and Recovery to support self-determination and improving the health and quality of life for nearly 80,000 consumers and their families.