

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: January 27, 2026

To: Village President and Board of Trustees

From: Napoleon Haney, Village Manager

Topic: Oath of Office – Thomas “Tom” Johnson – Chief of Police

PURPOSE

Administer the oath of office to Thomas “Tom” Johnson for the position of Chief of Police.

PROCESS

After a detailed and internal recruitment and hiring process, the Village Manager promoted and hired Thomas “Tom” Johnson (former Deputy Chief of Police) to the position of Chief of Police for the Village of Homewood. Tom Johnson assumed leadership of the Homewood Police Department on January 9, 2026, following the retirement of Police Chief Denise McGrath on January 9, 2026.

Chief Johnson served for seven years with the Village of Glenwood Police Department before joining the Homewood Police Department in 2009. With Homewood, Tom Johnson served in various roles prior to becoming chief. He served as investigator for the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force, a detective in Homewood’s Criminal Investigative Unit, a member of the Suburban Major Accident Reconstruction Team, a patrol sergeant and detective sergeant overseeing the Criminal Investigative Unit. Tom Johnson’s promotion and hiring was due, in large part, based on his experience, leadership skills, and commitment to public safety and community engagement. Most recently, Johnson has served as deputy chief since February 2024.

OUTCOME

Administer the oath of office establishing Thomas “Tom” Johnson as the Chief of Police for the Village of Homewood.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- **Funding Source:** N/A
- **Budgeted Amount:** N/A
- **Cost:** N/A

LEGAL REVIEW

Not Required

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RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Administer the oath of office to Thomas “Tom” Johnson for the position of Chief of Police for the Homewood Police Department.

ATTACHMENT(S)

None