

# Town of West Hartford

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## **CHIEF VERNON L. RIDDICK TO BE SWORN IN ON TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2018**

WEST HARTFORD, CT (May 15, 2018) – Matt Hart, West Hartford Town Manager, announced today that Chief Vernon L. Riddick, Jr. of Waterbury, CT will be sworn in during an oath of office ceremony on Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at 12:00 pm. The ceremony will take place in the Town Hall Auditorium and a reception will follow in the legislative chambers, Room 314, at West Hartford Town Hall, 50 South Main Street.

West Hartford Community TV will broadcast the event live on Comcast Channel 5.

Chief Riddick was previously the Chief of Police for Waterbury, CT, a position that he has held since 2013. Chief Riddick joined the Waterbury Police Department in 1994 and has steadily risen through the ranks, including positions with managerial responsibility for patrol, internal affairs, and administration.

Chief Riddick also holds a bachelor's degree from Tufts University and a master's degree from Post University, and is a graduate of the Senior Management Institute for Police and the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development course. In addition, Chief Riddick has received various awards throughout his career in recognition for his commitment to community policing, his support for the autism community, and for other professional and civic activities.

Mr. Hart states: "I'm very much looking forward to Chief Riddick's swearing-in ceremony. With his character, experience, and passion for public service, I'm confident that Chief Riddick is the right person to lead West Hartford's distinguished police department. He will make a great addition to our community and our leadership team."

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“I am thrilled to welcome Chief Riddick to West Hartford. He is highly respected, has extensive experience and is very excited to serve as the leader of West Hartford’s exceptional police department,” said Mayor Shari Cantor.

“I am very thankful and appreciative of Town Manager Hart, Mayor Cantor, and the selection committee for entrusting me with the position of Chief of Police. The West Hartford Police Department has an excellent reputation statewide and I am honored to join their ranks,” said Chief Riddick.

Chief Riddick will begin in his new role with the Town of West Hartford on June 4, 2018.

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