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Kenny Winslow
Executive Director, Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police

Candidacy Announcement for 3rd Vice President

Dear Executive Director Winslow,

Please accept this letter as my formal candidacy announcement to run for election for the 3rd Vice President of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police.

I began my law enforcement career in 2002, as a patrol officer with the Zion Police Department. I worked within each division and facet of the department, gaining invaluable experience as I was promoted through the ranks. In 2021, I was appointed to the position of Chief of Police.

My lengthy career with the Zion Police Department has afforded me the opportunity to identify problems facing both the department and the community, to conceptualize programs which mitigate those problems, and to see the long-term results of those efforts.

For the past two years, I have been a member of the Lake County Chiefs of Police Association Executive Board, currently serving as Treasurer. I also serve on the Advisory Board of Directors for Northeast Multi-Regional Training (NEMRT).

Being involved in multi-jurisdictional organizations has provided insight to better understand the needs and issues facing police departments around Illinois. The Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police is on the forefront of addressing those challenges and I would be honored to have an opportunity to play a role in shaping the future of policing in Illinois.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Barden".

Eric Barden
Chief of Police