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Kaminski becomes Illinois police chiefs' president

Frank Kaminski, chief of police in suburban Park Ridge, Illinois, was sworn in Saturday, June 13, as president of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police. He will lead the 1,220-member organization and seven-person board for one year after being elected by the members. Kaminski had been a vice president the past four years.

“He is highly principled, a man of great integrity, and totally committed to making communities safer through effective law enforcement and interacting with colleagues in local, regional, state, and international organizations,” said Ed Wojcicki, the association’s executive director.

As Evanston’s police chief from 1996-2006, where he served in various capacities for 32 years, he rebuilt systems of public trust through a Citizens Police Academy, Chief’s Advisory Board, Evanston Citizens Police Association, Police Chaplain-Clergy Team, and other partnerships. He then served for three years as the Public Safety Director for the Evanston Township High School, where he instituted a Positive Presence Program engaging the school and the community and he developed and implemented violence reduction strategies to reduce gang-related incidents. On hand for Kaminski’s installation ceremony were three former Evanston police chiefs.

Kaminski has an extensive background in community policing/problem solving, school-community relations, accreditation, media relations, enhanced 911, criminal and internal investigations, financial management, and labor relations.

He has achieved the association’s Police Chief Certification and he has been a Mentor for the International Association of Chiefs of Police new Police Chiefs' Mentoring Project. He has degrees from the University of Illinois Chicago and Roosevelt University, and he has continued

his education at the FBI National Academy, Harvard's Senior Management Institute for Police, Northwestern's Executive Institute for Chiefs of Police and Kellogg Management Institute.

His network is broad and deep. He is a past president of the Kiwanis Club of Park Ridge and Evanston; founding member and past president of the International Police Planners Association; a life member of the NAACP; an assessor in top-rated accreditation programs; and an adjunct instructor and several colleges and universities.

Betty Henneman, the Park Ridge City Clerk, led Kaminski in reciting the Oath of Office.

Also sworn in were Chief Steve Casstevens, Buffalo Grove, first vice president; Chief James Kruger, Oak Brook, second vice president; Chief Brian Fengel, Bartonville, third vice president; Chief Steve Stelter, Brookfield, fourth vice president; and Chief Fred W. Hayes, Elwood, past president.

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