

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Town Commission
From: Tom Harmer, Town Manager
Report date: October 28, 2020
Meeting date: November 2, 2020
Subject: Introduction of Police Chief Kelli Smith

The Town of Longboat Key is pleased to welcome Kelli Smith, our new Police Chief to the Town of Longboat Key.

We went through an extensive process to select Chief Smith and would like to acknowledge the assistance of Manatee County Sheriff Rick Wells, Sarasota Police Chief Bernadette DiPino, North Port Chief Todd Garrison, and Sarasota County Sheriff Elect Kurt Hoffman for their participation in the process and helping fill this critical position.

Kelli has over 29 years of law enforcement experience. Most recently she was the Police Chief for Northern Arizona University. Prior to that, she retired as a Major from the University of Central Florida Police Department. Kelli has a BS Degree in Criminal Justice/Public Administration and a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Central Florida. She is also a graduate of the Southern Police Institute Command Officers Development Course.

Chief Smith replaces Chief Cumming who retired after a 40-year career in law-enforcement. Chief Cumming was with the Town of Longboat Key for over 12 years.

Chief Smith will be publicly introduced at the Town Commission's November 2, 2020 Regular Meeting.

End of Agenda Item