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MEMORANDUM

To: Bernard Hvozdovic, *Administrator*
From: Christopher Tash, *Chief of Police*
Subject: Police Department Captain Appointment
Date: September 09, 2022

On July 21, 2025, the Police Department initiated the promotional process for the position of Chief of Police. In accordance with General Order 2-4, all eligible candidates were notified of the process through a department memorandum. The process required:

- Submission of a letter of intent addressed to my attention, confirming the candidate's participation
- Submission of a professional résumé
- An interview before the Public Safety Committee
- A recommendation from the Chief of Police to the Mayor and Council

Captain Matthew Solovay, along with Lieutenants Thomas Lagomarsino and Leonard Thomas, submitted letters of intent to participate in the process. On August 25, 2025, each candidate appeared before the Public Safety Committee for their respective interviews.

After a comprehensive review of each candidate's service record and performance in the interview process, I am formally recommending Captain Matthew Solovay for promotion to the position of Chief of Police.

As the most senior member of the command staff in both rank and tenure, Captain Solovay has consistently demonstrated the leadership, judgment, and competencies required of a Chief of Police. His record of achievement and proven commitment to the department provide confidence that he will continue to lead with integrity, professionalism, and vision. I am confident that Captain Solovay will excel in this new role and uphold the highest standards of the Princeton Police Department.

Lieutenants Lagomarsino and Thomas continue to excel in their current roles and have demonstrated the qualities of leadership within the department. Their continued professional growth ensures strong leadership succession for years to come.