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Gibson Selected to Serve as Public Safety Director for the Village of Bald Head Island

The Village of Bald Head Island has selected its new public safety director, Joshua Gibson. He officially took the post upon his swearing-in during the Village Council regular meeting earlier today. Gibson has served as the Village's interim public safety director since June 1, 2023.

Gibson began his emergency services career in 2008 as a firefighter/emergency medical technician for West End Fire & Rescue in West End, North Carolina, where he served four years and reached the rank of lieutenant. In 2012, he completed the Basic Law Enforcement Training program and began working for Carthage Police Department where he served as a Patrol Officer until 2014. In 2014, he and his wife relocated to the Wilmington area, and he began working with the Bald Head Island Department of Public Safety as a public safety officer.

During his service with the Bald Head Island Department of Public Safety, he steadily rose in rank from public safety officer, to corporal, lieutenant, and captain. During those years he also served as a reserve officer with the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office (2016-2019) and Wrightsville Beach Police Department (2020-2023).

In his free time, Gibson enjoys spending time with his wife, daughters, and family as well as playing golf. His favorite destination to take a break is in the mountains.

"I am honored to accept the role of public safety director," said Gibson. "I want to express my sincere appreciation to those who have entrusted me with this responsibility. Public safety is paramount on the island, and I am committed to ensuring the well-being of our community through effective strategies, collaboration, and a proactive approach to addressing emerging and existing public safety challenges."

Gibson was selected after an extensive search and interview process facilitated by Developmental Associates, Inc., a North Carolina-based search firm specializing in talent identification for executive municipal leaders.

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