



# City of Margate Police Department

ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

## MEDIA RELEASE



**PIO Number:** 18-19  
**Police Case Number:** N/A  
**Event:** Appointment of Police Chief  
**Place of Occurrence:** 5790 Margate Blvd., Margate, FL  
**Date/Time of Occurrence:** October 24, 2018  
**PIO/Releasing Authority:** Lieutenant Efrain Suarez  
**Release Date:** October 25, 2018

### Summary of Incident

The Margate Police Department is pleased to announce the appointment of Jonathan Shaw as its new Chief of Police. The appointment was made by City Manager Samuel May on October 24, 2018.

Chief Shaw has 22 years of public safety experience. Prior to his administrative experience, Chief Shaw spent several years as an investigator in specialized units and then supervising divisions such as the Criminal Investigations Division, the Special Operations Division, the Street Crimes Unit and the Special Response Team. Chief Shaw has been a command level officer since 2013. He was promoted to the rank of Captain in October of 2015.

Chief Shaw is a graduate of the 261<sup>st</sup> session of the FBI National Academy. He possesses a Master of Science in Criminal Justice from Florida Atlantic University and a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from the University of South Florida.

In 2013, Chief Shaw was named Officer of the Year for the State of Florida by Governor Rick Scott. He was the Margate Police Department's recipient of the Officer of the Year for 2012. He has been decorated with the Superior Component Award and the Leadership Award for excellence in his duties. He has been recognized six times as the Officer of Month.

Chief Shaw has been filling the role of Acting Chief of Police since August 1, 2018, after the retirement of Chief Dana Watson. City Manager May said in his appointment of Chief Shaw that he has "proven to be an outstanding leader who will no doubt continue to provide a Police Department that supports and enhances a quality of life that is safe, family-friendly, and embraces the residents of our community."

We would like to congratulate Chief Shaw on his appointment and look forward to the innovations, integrity and leadership that he will bring to the next chapter in the history of the Margate Police Department.

