

## June 17: Lieutenant Andrew Whitaker appointed new Director of Safety and Security

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Lieutenant Andrew Whitaker was appointed the new Director of Safety and Security for the West Irondequoit Central School District at Thursday night's Board of Education meeting. A member of the Irondequoit Police Department since 2004 and currently a 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon Lieutenant, Whitaker is scheduled to start on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

"We are very happy to add the critical position of Director of Safety and Security this fall and thanks to a comprehensive screening process know that Lieutenant Whitaker is the perfect fit," said Dr. Aaron Johnson, Superintendent of Schools.

"With his longstanding service to the Town of Irondequoit, Lieutenant Whitaker knows our community extremely well and has earned a reputation for his knowledge and ability to keep our community safe. As a former liaison to our schools, Lieutenant Whitaker built trust and respect with our students, staff and families. He will once again be a friendly face on campus – one people know will be there to support them."

Lieutenant Whitaker started his law enforcement career as a part-time Deputy with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office in 2001 before joining the City of Geneva Police Department in 2002. He started with IPD as a Road Patrol Officer in 2004, then became the Community Service Officer for the Town of Irondequoit in 2012. He shifted back to Road Patrol with IPD in 2017, then became 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon Sergeant in 2018, supervising a patrol crew of 10 officers. He began in his current role with IPD in November of 2020.

A 1999 graduate of Webster Central schools, Lieutenant Whitaker earned an Associate's Degree from Monroe Community College prior to starting his 20-plus year career in law enforcement. He and his wife, Dawn, have been married for 13½ years. They live in Ontario, Wayne County with their five daughters: Adelynn, Molly, Cecilia, Annabelle and Penelope.