



April 1st, 2024, Jeff Laughlin was sworn in as the new Chief of Police for the Southmayd Police Department.

Chief Laughlin has been married to his wife Christa for 26 years and they have 3 sons, all of which are either in law enforcement or have intentions of being in law enforcement. He currently lives in Aubrey, TX and has purchased property in this area and intends to build a home on that property in the future.

Chief Laughlin began his law enforcement career in 2004 with the Denton Police Department.

From 2009 to 2024 Chief Laughlin has worked in several divisions of the Denton Police Department which has gained him a plethora of knowledge that can be passed on to officers under his command.

While with the Denton Police Department he was a Police Officer, Narcotics Detective, Fugitive Apprehension Detective, Criminal Investigative Detective, Auto Theft Detective, SWAT Team Member, Sniper, Police Training Officer. He is also a Firearms Instructor and a Training Officer with the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) and holds a Master Peace Officers License. He is a credentialed U.S. Marshal and a team leader for the Joint East Texas U.S. Marshal Fugitive Task Force.

Prior to his law enforcement career, Chief Laughlin proudly served in the United States Marine Corps from 1996 – 2004 acquiring a rank of Staff Sergeant (E-6). While in the Marines he served as an Infantry Marine, then an Infantry Platoon Sergeant to Platoon Commander supervising over 40 marines. He finished out his career in the Marines as a Recruiter where he was responsible for the enlistment of 91 highly qualified new applicants into the U.S. Marine Corps.

Chief Laughlin believes there is a difference between being a supervisor and a leader. He believes in positive motivation and servant leadership and wants to make a difference in the community and his country by continuing to lead by example.

Chief Laughlin brings with him a vast amount of experience that will only help in making our community a very safe and successful place to live.

There will be a meet and greet event on April 11, 2024, 5 PM-7PM at the Police station located at 304 McElroy, Southmayd, TX.

So please join us in welcoming Jeff Laughlin as the new Chief of Police for the Southmayd Police Department.

Debra R. Thompson
Mayor