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Moultonborough Appoints New Police Chief

With the announcement that the SelectBoard has appointed Mr. Thomas Dawson, a Lieutenant in the Moultonborough Police Department, as the Town's next Police Chief the question of who will succeed retiring Chief Scott D. Kinmond has been answered.

A five member panel of three law enforcement professionals, a Town Administrator, and a citizen at large from the Moultonborough Community undertook the rigorous challenge of sorting through and interviewing the 44 applicants from across the nation. Ms. Karel Crawford, Chairman of the SelectBoard said, "The screening panel made our job difficult by providing us with high quality candidates who all would have made a good Police Chief for our community. In the end Lt. Dawson made our job easy with his understanding of small town policing and his proven professionalism and performance for our community. The Selectman are confident that they will see the department continue to grow and flourish under his leadership."

Chief Dawson said, "I am both honored and humbled by this appointment and by the confidence that the Selectman and the people of the community have shown in me. I look forward to leading the department and ensuring it provides the community with excellent service." A resident of Moultonborough, Dawson is a graduate of New Hampshire Technical College, where he earned an Associates of Applied Science degree in Accounting. He completed his basic police training at New Hampshire Police Standards & Training in Concord and has gone on to complete numerous in-service training courses.

Finalists went through a one day final interview with key staff, participating in an assessment exercise, an interview with the SelectBoard and an extensive reference check. Chief Dawson is a 13-year veteran of law enforcement, having risen through the ranks from patrol officer to his most recent position as Lieutenant, in which capacity he was the Department's Executive Officer, directly supervising the Investigative Bureau, the School Resource Officer and the First Line Supervisors.

Among the awards and special recognitions accorded him, Dawson said he was proudest of those awarded on separate occasions with "Letters of Commendation" for his active role in events that led to lives being saved. Because he is a four-time Ironman triathlon finisher who is in a virtually constant training mode, you can reasonably expect to see Chief Dawson running and riding around town.

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