



PRESS RELEASE

January 22, 2024

Chief of Police Robert A. Shiflett, II Announces Retirement

Town of Amherst Police Chief Robert A. Shiflett, II has formally announced his retirement on January 1, 2024. After six years of service to the citizens of the Town of Amherst, Shiflett's last day as Chief of Police will be effective April 1, 2024.

Shiflett's career with Town of Amherst Police Department began in 2017. Prior to this, Shiflett worked at the Albemarle County Sheriff's Office, and the Louisa Police Department.

During his tenure with the Amherst Police Department, Shiflett said "I formed new goals which centered around improving every aspect of the police department. From my first day as Chief, I ran our department as if we were already an accredited agency. This would not have been possible without each officer buying into the challenge of operating as a professional law enforcement agency. As we worked together as a collective unit, the officers, and later the staff, worked alongside me to improve every area of our department. I made connecting with the community a priority by establishing programs/events which gave our department the opportunity to interact in a positive way with our citizens. Today, we can all look at our achievements with pride."

Shiflett credits the officers and staff that he has had working under his leadership saying "Due to the commitment, dedication and caliber of our sworn officers and professional office staff, the Amherst Police Department has grown into a State Accredited law enforcement agency. Our officers are the best educated, best trained, well-equipped, and most devoted in our profession. This is without a doubt the best group of officers I have worked with in my twenty-five-year career."

While leaving the Amherst Police Department is a bittersweet time, Chief Shiflett said he leaves with many good memories. "These last 6 years have been the most special to me. The Town of Amherst will always hold a special place in my heart."

Town Manager Sara McGuffin will work with Amherst Town Council over the next several weeks to determine the next steps for Chief Shiflett's replacement.