



On May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the Hallandale Beach City Manager Dr. Jeremy Earle appointed Michel Michel (pronounced Michael Michael) as the new Chief of the Hallandale Beach Police Department.

The selection of new leadership for the department comes following the announcement of Chief Sonia Quiñones' retirement after 28 years of dedicated service to the City in October 2021. Chief Michel has served the Hallandale Beach community for the last 20 years. His childhood, family life, and career are rooted in South Florida, and Chief Michel's vision for the department will ensure exceptional service and safety remain a top priority.

Chief Michel began his career with the Hallandale Beach Police Department in 2002 and, during his tenure, has served as a Patrol Officer, Marine Patrol Officer, and Detective. In 2007, he was promoted to sergeant, supervising Patrol and then the Traffic Unit. In 2011, he was promoted to Captain, where he supervised the Community Involvement Unit, the Investigation Services Division and Vice Intelligence and Narcotics Unit. In 2017, Chief Michel was promoted as Deputy Chief and, in October 2021, appointed as Interim Chief.

Chief Michel served in the United States Navy, earned his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, and graduated from the Southern Police Institute Command Officers Development Class 60 and the 21st Florida Executive Development Seminar (FEDS). In addition, Chief Michel served as the Commander of the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team, Special Events Administrator, Honor Guard, and has received multiple awards for Meritorious Service, Team Citations, and earned Supervisor of the Year in 2009.

Chief Michel's comprehensive plan to lead the department's 100 police officers and 41 civilian staff includes providing a high level of professionalism, community engagement, crime prevention, and succession planning.