



BAILIWICK OF GUERNSEY LAW ENFORCEMENT

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Deputy Chief Officer Nigel Taylor Retires

After more than three decades of service and having risen through the ranks from beat officer, Guernsey Police's current Deputy Chief Officer, Nigel Taylor, will retire at the end of the month after 36 years.

Joining straight from school in 1984 as a PC, Mr Taylor now holds the second highest job in the force, and has worked in or managed practically every department along the way.

Mr Taylor said he would leave with fond memories and throughout his career retained his core belief as to why he joined in the first place.

"It's a cliché but it is true, I wanted to join because of a strong desire to help people – and I have never lost sight of that. Although I have been employed by a single entity for my duration – Law Enforcement – the sheer variety of jobs has been astounding. I have been a beat officer, motorcyclist, advanced accident investigator, CID investigator, shift supervisor and inspector, a detective inspector in the intelligence unit and held all senior management positions.

"There are a number of moments in my career which really stick with me – helping to save the life of a female trapped in a fire at the Royal Hotel, plugging a gas leak in a pipe after a wall collapse at Vauvert, leading teams investigating a series of knife point robberies, investigating a homicide and several other complex cases, alongside working very closely with the Guernsey Border Agency."

Mr Taylor's career saw him pass the Sergeants and Inspectors promotion examination on first attempt, establishing his managerial abilities – moving on through both middle management ranks after four years' experience in each. He served more than nine years at the rank of Chief Inspector gaining a breadth of experience in all functional areas and was deployed in each of the three main directorates (Crime Services, Professional Standards and Uniformed Operations) as Head of Department.

In April 2014 he was promoted to the rank of Superintendent and took up the portfolio of Support Services to include strategic responsibility for Professional Standards across the Force. A year later he led the delivery of all operational resources across the Force whilst undertaking periods of Acting Deputy Chief of Police.

Finally, in June 2018 he was promoted to Deputy Chief Officer with a portfolio that included oversight of all operational policing together with responsibility for all corporate functions across both Bailiwick Law Enforcement Agencies.

Mr Taylor added: "I am very proud of my contribution in serving the community for three-and-a-half-decades. I have had the honour and privilege of working alongside some incredible people, and will miss them greatly. My retirement will allow me to focus on spending more time with my family and travelling throughout Europe in our motorhome, and then further afield. I have had a wonderful career."

Committee for Home Affairs President Deputy Mary Lowe said: "I would like to thank Nigel for his 36 years of public service to our Bailiwick. The cumulative difference he will have made to countless lives and the community as a whole is immeasurable, and I know he will be missed at Bailiwick Law Enforcement."

"I wish him a long and happy retirement, which he truly deserves."

