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****Virginia Marine Resources Commission Announces Chief of Law Enforcement****

TODAY, the Virginia Marine Resources Commission announces Matthew Rogers of Smithfield, Virginia as the Chief of Law Enforcement Division of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission.

“I am pleased to announce Matthew Rogers as the new Chief of the Law Enforcement Division of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission. This a critical role and I trust his leadership of our officers as they protect our natural resources and serve the citizens of the Commonwealth” said Commissioner Steven G. Bowman. **“Throughout this process we considered a number of well qualified candidates from across the Commonwealth. I look forward to working with Chief Rogers to continue to foster an inclusive and safe environment.”**

Chief Rogers began his law enforcement career in 2002 with the Smithfield Police Department. Since that time, he has served in various capacities and promoting through the ranks to Deputy Chief of Police. Chief Rogers holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Business with Specialization in Management and a Master’s Degree in Business Administration, both from Liberty University. He is a graduate of the prestigious FBI National Academy representing the 255th session.

“I am truly excited and look forward to working alongside the men and women of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission as we continue to protect and preserve Virginia’s marine and aquatic resources for the future,” said Chief Matthew Rogers.

Chief Rogers is an avid outdoorsman who enjoys hunting, fishing, boating, and camping. He is dedicated to serving his community and the Commonwealth, and is a proud member of the Lumbee Indian Tribe of North Carolina. The Chief is passionate about baseball and serves as little league coach. If he is not in the woods or on the baseball field, he can be found at the beach spending quality time with family and friends.

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