St. Petersburg Police Department
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St. Petersburg Police Hires New Asst. Chief

Chief of Police Anthony Holloway announced today that he hired James D. Previtera to fill the position of Asst. Chief of Investigative Services Bureau.

The position is presently held by Asst. Chief David DeKay, who plans to retire this month.

Previtera has 28 years of distinguished service in law enforcement, most recently as Colonel, Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office.

He began his law enforcement career with the Pinellas County Sheriff’s office, and later worked several years with the Secret Service, before joining the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office for the last 9 years.

“As Asst. Chief, James Previtera will bring his expertise as well as a fresh set of eyes into the St. Petersburg Police Department. I am impressed with his experience in working with other agencies, both local and federal,” said Chief Holloway.

Chief Holloway became familiar with Previtera’s work throughout the years as they served together on various inter-agency task forces.