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Triton College Alumni James Greenwood Recently Appointed River Forest Deputy Chief of Police



Ryan Greenwood (left) pinned a badge on his father, Deputy Chief James Greenwood, at a River Forest Village Hall meeting on Monday, Feb. 13. Greenwood's daughter, Madolyn Greenwood, excitedly looked on.

RIVER GROVE, Ill. – Triton College alumni James Greenwood was appointed deputy chief of the River Forest Police Department on Wednesday, Feb. 1. His celebration continued in front of friends, family and residents at the River Forest Village Hall on Monday, Feb. 13.

“I feel a sense of loyalty and pride in my work,” said Greenwood.

Greenwood grew up in Franklin Park and attended Passow Elementary School, Hester Junior High School and East Leyden High School, graduating in 1992. He then attended University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and studied political science and landscape architecture.

While a student at U of I, Greenwood was assigned to work in the Police Department. His duties included checking campus buildings and providing transportation for students at night.

“I admired the work that the officers did and realized over time that it was my passion,” he said. “I decided to change education paths.”

Greenwood decided to attend Triton College to study criminal justice. He graduated in 2001, earning his associate degree.

“Triton offered the coursework I was interested in,” he said. “The classes were affordable and the instructors in Criminal Justice Administration were all active professionals in the fields of criminal justice or law.”

In 1997, Greenwood began his career with the River Forest Police Department, working his way up the ranks from patrol officer, detective, sergeant, detective sergeant, patrol commander and now deputy chief.

Greenwood furthered his education by earning a bachelor’s in business administration from Benedictine University in 2010, graduating Magna Cum Laude. He attended the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command in 2018, earning the Kreml Leadership Award, selected by fellow law enforcement professionals in the course.

“Receiving the award was an honor, especially coming from a group of people that were just as deserving of the award,” he noted.

He has plans to graduate in fall 2023 to earn a master’s degree in public administration from Northern Illinois University.

As the new deputy chief, Greenwood wants to ensure that the department continues to offer great services to the community and to support members of the department in their daily work.

In addition to being a police officer, Greenwood is a member of the West Suburban Chiefs of Police Association.

Greenwood and his wife Jill have two adult children, Ryan and Madolyn. Ryan is a student at Arizona State University and is studying supply chain management. Madolyn is a student at Benedictine University and is studying pre-medicine.

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