



BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

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Bristol Township Names Police Chief

Township Manager Bill McCauley today announced that Robert A. Coulton, Bristol Township's first Director of Public Safety has been named Chief of Police.

Prior to serving as Director of Public Safety for the Bristol Township Police Department, Mr. Coulton served in a variety of roles with the Ewing Township Police Department during a 30-year career. He had been Chief of the 67- officer department for 14 years until retiring in 2013.

"Bob Coulton earned this appointment after 20 months of dedicated service and demonstrated leadership. Our police department will continue to excel under his leadership as Chief of Police," McCauley said. "While I normally prefer civilian leadership of police departments, I have no reservations extending Civil Service protection to him," he said.

Mr. Coulton is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the New Jersey Executive Police Institute and holds advanced certification as a Chief Law Enforcement Executive from the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police Certified Law Enforcement Executive Program. He has a Master's degree from Seton Hall University and a Bachelor's in Criminal Justice from the College of New Jersey.

"During my time in Bucks County, I cannot remember Bristol Township having a professionally trained and educated Chief of Police," McCauley said. "The Township was extremely fortunate to attract someone with Bob Coulton's education, training and experience," McCauley said. "Now I am taking this action to keep Chief Coulton with Bristol Township for the next ten years."

"During his first 20 months, Bob Coulton has worked hard to create a more professional and transparent department. He installed in-car video cameras, is implementing a body-worn camera system for officers, and is in the process of seeking the Commission on Law Enforcement Accreditation certification, a highly prized recognition of law enforcement excellence," he said.

Mr. Coulton began working for Bristol Township on June 1, 2015 as Director of Public Safety. He earns \$125,000 a year with no paid health benefits or pension from the Township.

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