



CHIEF VICTOR FLAHERTY- DATE OF HIRE 4/13/1988

BACKGROUND:

I grew up in West Bridgewater and graduated from the West Bridgewater Jr/Sr High School. I hold a Bachelor's of Science degree in Law Enforcement from Western New England College. Prior to starting at the West Bridgewater Police Department I worked in management first in Shaw's Supermarket's Southern Region Office and later at the Taunton Shaw's location.

HOBBIES- I enjoy playing golf as well as many other outdoor activities. I also enjoy spending time with my family, especially my new grandson!

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO BECOME A POLICE OFFICER?:

I remember asking to meet with Chief Ervin "Whitey" Lothrop in the mid 80's. I took all of the good advice given to me by the late Chief and worked hard towards my goal of becoming a West Bridgewater Police Officer. Just prior to Chief Lothrop's retirement, I was hired as a Permanent Intermittent Police Officer and later promoted to Full-Time. In my career, I have been fortunate to hold the ranks of Patrolman, Detective, Detective Sergeant, Lieutenant, Commander of the WEB Major Crimes Task Force and now Chief of Police.

Having a career in Law Enforcement in the town I grew up in has been extremely rewarding. I have found this career, like many others, to be extremely challenging at times, but it has been worth it to see my vision of having an entire department of officers dedicated to this town, teamwork and community involvement play out. I believe in placing talented officers in roles for them to succeed and my hope is to continue building a great team that will proceed with our mission of responding to crime, addressing community concerns and maintaining a proactive presence.