



Chief Victor R. Flaherty Jr.

Background: I grew up in West Bridgewater and graduated from the West Bridgewater Jr/Sr High School. I have been a police officer for 31 years and presently hold a Bachelor's of Science degree in Law Enforcement from Western New England College. I have successfully completed courses in Media and Public Relations, Supervisor leadership, Command leadership and Executive Leadership Institute conducted by (FBI) LEEDA, and later received the (FBI) LEEDA Trilogy Leadership Award. Prior to starting my law enforcement career, I worked in management for Shaw's Supermarket's first at Shaw's Southern Region Office and later at the Taunton Shaw's Supermarket location.

Hobbies: I enjoy working around my yard, playing golf, and spending time with my family and my two grandsons, Keegan and Torin.

Why did you decide to become a Police Officer: I remember requesting to meet with Chief Ervin "Whitey" Lothrop in the mid 1980's. I took all of his good advice and worked hard toward my goal of becoming a member of the West Bridgewater Police Department. Just prior to Chief Lothrop's retirement, I was hired as a Permanent Intermittent Police Officer, later being promoted to full time. During my career, I was fortunate to hold the rank of Patrolman, Detective, Detective Sergeant, Lieutenant, Commander of the WEB Major Crimes Task Force and now your Chief of Police.

Hardest and Best Part of your Job: I have found this career, like many others, to be extremely challenging at times but also extremely rewarding. I believe and enjoy in placing talented officers in roles for them to succeed while making sure all of our officers are committed to the concept of community involvement. Now today, I see the results of our hard work by having an entire department of dedicated officers who are committed to the town, committed to working together, committed to community involvement, and committed to build upon our main goal and mission which is to serve our residents and their guests with respect, pride, and professionalism.