

Chief of Police, Kenneth W. Gamble

Kenneth Gamble was sworn in as the fourth Chief of Police of the Kernersville Police Department on September 1, 2009. Chief Gamble is a 20 year veteran of law enforcement and has worked at the Kernersville Police Department for 16 years. He began his career with the Winston-Salem Police Department where he worked four years.

The Kernersville Police Department hired Chief Gamble as a patrolman on October 3, 1993. He has served the Department in a variety of assignments in the Patrol Division, Criminal Investigations Division, Administrative Division, Traffic Team, School Resource Officer Unit, Emergency Response Team, and many temporary multi-divisional units such as Robbery Surveillance, Gang and Drug Suppression, and Graffiti Eradication. Chief Gamble managed the CALEA Recognition Program and developed many of the Department's policies, procedures, and internal accountability systems. This experience provided him with bottom-up, top-down, and horizontal view points of the police department that have enabled him to improve processes, develop programs, and enhance efficiencies. Chief Gamble has also commanded Patrol Teams, Traffic Team, School Resource Officer Unit, and the Emergency Response Team.



Chief Gamble's career has been exemplified by a tireless quest for knowledge and innovation. He attended college while working full time and graduated with a 4.0 average from Guilford College in 2004 where he majored in Criminal Justice with a Psychology concentration. Chief Gamble received a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Appalachian State University, which was awarded on May 8, 2010. He earned his Advanced Law Enforcement Certification from the North Carolina Department of Justice in 1999 and his Criminal Investigator's Certification from the North Carolina Justice Academy in 2000. He has attended over 3600 hours of formal training during his career. Chief Gamble is currently a candidate for the prestigious FBI National Academy.

Chief Gamble's career has also been marked by a willingness to innovate. He has researched and implemented best practices in the areas of domestic violence, criminal investigations, patrol functions, school safety, and tactical operations. Some specific examples of these innovations are the Winston-Salem Police Department Downtown Bicycle Patrol Unit, Police Officer Domestic Violence Training Program, HYDRA Gang & Drug Eradication Grants, Clean Slate Graffiti Eradication Program, and the Gang Prevention Officer Program.

Chief Gamble has a well established history of community service and involvement. He understands that community problems are complex and can't always be addressed simply through enforcement. He has remained closely involved in the Kernersville and Forsyth County communities to address multifaceted systemic and societal problems. Chief Gamble has served on many county level boards in subject areas such as domestic violence, child abuse, juvenile justice, and social services. He has also designed grant strategies that leverage police, community, non-profit, and other governmental agencies to address serious problems such as domestic violence, gangs, drugs, graffiti, and school safety. Chief Gamble was one of the founding board members of Next Step Ministries, a shelter for battered women in Kernersville. He is also an active member of the Kernersville Rotary Club.

Chief Gamble and his wife Lisa have been married for 20 years. They have two children, Sara and Benjamin.