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**Triton College Alumni Andy Hock Recently Appointed Elmwood Park Police Chief**  
*Hock Serves on Several Triton College Organizations*

RIVER GROVE, Ill. – Andrew Hock was appointed as police chief for the Elmwood Park Police Department on Sat., Jan. 7, 2023, and sworn in on Monday, Jan. 9, at an Elmwood Park board meeting. Following the board meeting there was a reception at Donny G's Ristorante in Elmwood Park, with 300 people in attendance.

"I feel honored to have this title," said Hock, who is well known as "Andy."

Growing up in Elmwood Park, Hock dreamed in his youth of becoming a police officer.

"When I was in kindergarten, I would wave to the police officers as they drove past my house," remembers Hock. "I always looked up to the Elmwood Park police officers. I always knew I wanted to have a career in law enforcement."

Hock attended St. Vincent Ferrer Elementary School, graduating in 1979, and Fenwick High School, graduating in 1983. After high school, he attended Triton College and finished his degree later in his police career.

In 1995, Hock began his career with the Elmwood Park Police Department, working his way up the ranks from patrolman, detective, sergeant, commander and then to deputy chief, a position which he held for the past 12 years.

Hock decided to finish his degree at Triton College while he was a sergeant and recognizes that it gave him an advantage to advance his career within the Elmwood Park Police Department. After receiving his associates degree in Criminal Justice Administration in 2003, he was promoted from sergeant to commander.

"Since I had my degree from Triton, it impacted me directly – I was selected and promoted," he noted. "I earned that position over others who applied."

After Triton, he graduated from Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command in 2007.

Throughout a career in law enforcement, Hock has been recognized for his hard work and determination with many awards. He has been the recipient of the Cook County Law Enforcement Award of Merit and the Elmwood Park Police Chief Award of Merit. As a patrolman, he received the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorist (A.A.I.M.) Award for the most DUI (driving under the influence) arrests that year.

As the new police chief Hock hopes to grow a stronger bond between the community and the police, in conjunction with community policing, a full circle moment that helps him reflect on the fact that he's living his childhood dream as the chief of the Elmwood Park Police Department.

Hock wants to increase patrols, add more video cameras and work with different organizations. He also is working on a program to provide residents with catalytic converter anti-theft alarms to reduce thefts from cars.

"There are a lot of different initiatives that the Elmwood Park Police Department is working on to further reduce crime," he said.

In addition to being a police officer, Hock is involved with many different community organizations, such as the River Grove Lions Club, Elmwood Park Kiwanis Club, UNICO Chicago West Suburban, West Suburban Chiefs of Police Association, Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, West Suburban Detectives Association, West Suburban Major Crimes Task Force and St. Vincent Ferrer Parish. He also serves as the president of the Triton College Alumni Association Council and as a Triton College Foundation board member, that supports charitable initiatives and scholarships across the college.

Hock and his wife Heather have two adult children and they have one granddaughter.

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