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Annapolis Police Chief Named President of Maryland Chiefs of Police Association

The Annapolis Police Department Chief, Michael Pristoop, was named President of the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association yesterday during the group's annual professional development seminar in Ocean City. The Maryland Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA) is comprised of command and executive law enforcement officers from Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as prosecutors and police legal advisors, members of the Maryland Police Training Commission, private sector security directors, and interested citizens. Chief Pristoop has been the head of the Annapolis Police Department for the last seven years.

"I am honored to be named President of MCPA," said Chief Pristoop. "It is my hope and goal to continue along our path of strongly supporting Maryland law-enforcement and building on our capacities to improve public safety and community trust."

Chief Pristoop, who previously had the title of 1st Vice President with MCPA, takes the presidency duties from Chief Teresa Walter of the Havre de Grace Police Department.

Chief Pristoop started his police career with the Baltimore Police Department in 1986, retiring in 2007 as a Major, District Commander. He then served as the Chief of Police with the Maryland Department of General Services – Maryland Capitol Police until April of 2008 when he was selected to serve as the Chief of the Annapolis Police Department and confirmed July, 2008.

Chief Pristoop is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy. He holds a Juris Doctorate from the University of Baltimore, School School of Law and a Bachelor of Science degree in Jurisprudence from the University of Baltimore. He graduated with distinction from both degree programs.

Chief Pristoop is admitted to the Maryland State Bar. In addition to MCPA, he is also a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the Police Executive Research Forum.