



Bluffton Police Department

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Bluffton PD Lieutenant Awarded National Honor

Lt. Joe Babkiewicz of the Bluffton Police Department has been announced as a 2016 "International Association of Chiefs of Police 40 under 40 Award" recipient.

This award is designed to recognize 40 law enforcement professionals under the age of 40 from around the world who demonstrates leadership and exemplifies commitment to their profession. Award winners represent the law enforcement Leaders of Today as well as the Leaders of Tomorrow.

"I can't express how proud I am of Lt. Babkiewicz for achieving this honor. To be selected of only 40 in the world tells you how lucky we are to have him here in Bluffton," said Bluffton Police Chief Joey Reynolds.

An application and letter of recommendation was submitted to the awards committee. Winners were then selected based on complying with the age and employment requirements (must be between 18 and 39 years of age and must be employed by a federal, state, local or tribal law enforcement agency), demonstrates values and commitment to law enforcement and has a capacity for leadership.

"I was surprised to hear I received the award. I didn't expect it, but I am honored and humbled to receive such recognition from the committee," said Lt. Babkiewicz.

Lt. Babkiewicz has been employed with the Bluffton Police Department since 2008. Since then he has climbed the ranks and is currently the Lt. over the Criminal Investigations Division. Before coming to the Bluffton Police Department, Lt. Babkiewicz was a Patrol Officer and K-9 Handler with the Bloomfield Police Department in Connecticut. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Ashford University and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Liberty University. Lt. Babkiewicz is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy, 254th Session.



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