



## **Chief Gerald R. Childress**

Chief Gerald Childress began his law enforcement career with the Huntersville Police Department in 1996 as a patrol officer where he served in various positions from Field Training Officer to Investigator. As an investigator in the Criminal Investigations Division, Chief Childress participated in the FBI's Computer Crimes Task Force where he received a specialized deputation to the US Marshal Service to investigate cases dealing with child exploitation.

In 2005, Chief Childress transitioned his employment to the Mooresville Police Department where he served as criminal investigator and was subsequently promoted to Lieutenant and soon after, he was promoted to Captain. In 2017, Chief Childress was promoted to Deputy Chief under Chief of Police, Damon Williams.

In 2021, Chief Childress left Mooresville PD to serve as the Administrative Lieutenant/Deputy Chief of the Spindale Police Department, where he remained until 2022 when he was hired as the Chief of Police for the Kings Mountain Police Department.

Chief Childress received his undergraduate degree in Sociology from Lenoir Rhyne University in 1995 and a master's degree in Justice Administration from Methodist University in 2010. Along with his formal education, Chief Childress has had extensive professional education including graduating from North Carolina State University's 62<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Administrative Officers Management Program (AMOP) and the University of Virginia's Leading, Educating and Developing (LEAD) program. He's a past President of the North Carolina Homicide Investigators Association (NCHIA) and a current member of the North Carolina Association of Chief of Police (NCACP) where he proudly serves as Region 3 Director. Professional associations include the National Criminal Justice Honor Society, Alpha Phi Sigma, International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), North Carolina Police Executives Association (NCPEA). Chief Childress' civic involvement includes serving on the Kings Mountain YMCA Board of Directors, and on the City of Kings Mountain's Transportation Committee.