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Atlantic City Announces Appointment of Sean Riggin as Atlantic City Public Safety Director

Riggin Brings Decades of Public Safety and Security Experience to the New Position

Atlantic City, N.J. (February 26, 2025) – The City of Atlantic City today announced Sean Riggin as the City's Public Safety Director. In this role, he will direct the activities of the City's police and fire departments.

The appointment comes as Atlantic City continues to devote considerable resources to its Clean & Safe initiative, a citywide effort aimed at strengthening public safety and cleanliness for city residents and visitors alike.

"Improved public safety is a huge priority for the Small Administration's Clean & Safe Agenda. Adding Sean will take us to the next level with our Police & Fire Departments. We will continue to provide the necessary tools that are conducive to good public safety" **said Marty Small Sr., Mayor of the City of Atlantic City.**

"Sean is a dynamic public safety professional with more than 25 years of experience in law enforcement, emergency management, and community engagement. He's served as a police chief, fire director, and emergency management coordinator in neighboring Pleasantville, and for the last several months he has worked as a DCA police monitor in Atlantic City," **said Jacquelyn A. Suárez, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA).** "This tremendous amount of expertise combined with his knowledge of Atlantic City make Sean an excellent appointment as the City's public safety director. He is ready and eager to strengthen Atlantic City's already robust clean and safe initiatives. DCA looks forward to continuing to work with Sean in his new role and is confident the city community will find him to be a skilled public servant and communicator."

Mr. Riggin has over 30 years of public safety and security experience, beginning his career as a Civil Affairs soldier under the U.S. Army Special Operations Command, learning crisis management in Sarajevo during the Balkan conflict of the mid-1990s. He went on to serve as a first responder, instructor, and executive across multiple public safety response disciplines including Chief of Police, Fire Director, and Emergency Manager Coordinator in the City of Pleasantville.

Upon retiring from Pleasantville in 2021, Mr. Riggin worked as an emergency management specialist providing support with federal public assistance and individual assistance to New Jersey counties after disasters and as an instructor with the International Criminal Investigative Training and Assistance Program providing training on special events policing. He is an adjunct professor for Stockton University as well as a volunteer leader with Team Rubicon, training dedicated veterans and volunteers as well as deploying to support disaster survivors across the country multiple times per year. He joined DCA's Division of Local Government Services in December 2024 as a police monitor assigned to Atlantic City.

As Atlantic City Public Safety Director, Mr. Riggin will manage the functions of and establish policies for the Atlantic City Police Department and Atlantic City Fire Department to ensure efficient operations. He will also help secure equipment the departments need and help resolve contract issues should they arise with the police and fire unions.

"Public safety is something we need to feel but shouldn't have to think about. Atlantic City's police, fire, emergency management, and beach patrol teams work every day to create that sense of security for the community. I think a Public Safety Director should do the same for them. I want Atlantic City's responders have the trust, support, and leadership they need to focus on their critical work to keep all city residents, workers, and visitors safe," **said Sean Riggin.**

Mr. Riggin earned his master's degree in disaster science and emergency management from the University of Delaware and his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Aspen University.

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