

Patrolman Justin L. Haag promoted to Sergeant

By **Jim Herr** - May 9, 2018



Cheektowaga Police Chief David Zack congratulates Sergeant Justin Haag on his appointment on May 8th. (Jim Herr/Cheektowaga Chronicle)

CHEEKTOWAGA – The town council approved the appointment of Patrolman Justin L. Haag to the position of Police Sergeant Tuesday night.

A ten-year veteran of the police department, Chief David Zack says Mr. Haag is an “outstanding” officer.

"He's currently a member of our SWAT team. He's one of the founders of our crisis intervention team. He's our de-escalation instructor as well as instructing many other topics. He has performed outstanding work throughout his career," said Mr. Zack.

In addition, he is a member of [department's bike patrol unit](#) and helped establish the [Blue Bridges Initiative](#) with police Sgt. Caleb Harte and Jacob Becker of Marketing Mayor.

Before his career in Cheektowaga, Mr. Haag was an Iraq War Combat Veteran serving the Marine Corps from 2001-2007. He retired at the rank of sergeant. He is currently a sergeant in the Air Force Reserves.

"He's a triple threat," joked Mr. Zack. "He is going to be a fine leader. We have all the confidence in the world, and we know he's just going to continue on doing a tremendous job for the Town of Cheektowaga and the Town of Cheektowaga Police Department."

Mr. Haag was one of three officers eligible for the civil service appointment. He fills a vacancy Sgt. James Patterson created when he requested to return to his former title as a Police Officer on March 28th.

The town council also acknowledged that Detective Kurt F. Spieler completed his probation period after being assigned to the Detective Bureau on November 16th. They also approved the appointment of Slade Miller to the position of Public Safety Dispatcher.



Cheektowaga Police Officer Justin Haag rides through a stream in Sprague Brook Park during a department training outing with the Western New York Mountain Bike Association last May. (Jim Herr/Cheektowaga Chronicle)