

## **Chief Frederick J. Jortner Jr.**

### **Chief of Police, Cheshire Police Department**

Chief Frederick J. Jortner Jr. proudly serves as the Chief of Police for the Cheshire Police Department, a nationally recognized law enforcement agency serving more than 29,000 residents across 33 square miles in central Connecticut. With over 20 years of combined law enforcement and military service, Chief Jortner brings proven leadership, operational expertise, and a deep commitment to public safety.

Chief Jortner began his career with the Cheshire Police Department in 2003 and has served in a wide range of roles throughout the agency. His assignments have included Patrol Officer, Narcotics Detective, Patrol Sergeant, Support Services Division Commander, and Patrol Division Commander. In 2020, he was appointed Deputy Chief of Police, and in September 2025, he was named Chief of Police.

A lifelong advocate for training, professional development, and ethical leadership, Chief Jortner is a graduate of the prestigious FBI National Academy (275th Session), the Southern Police Institute's Command Officers Development Course, and the FBI-LEEDA Leadership Trilogy. He holds a Master of Science in Management and Organizational Leadership from Albertus Magnus College, where he graduated with Honors, and a Bachelor's degree from Nova Southeastern University, where he was also a member of the men's basketball team. In addition, he earned a Criminal Justice Education Certificate from the University of Virginia.

Before beginning his law enforcement career, Chief Jortner served in the U.S. Army Cavalry, where he was honorably discharged in 2000. He is a decorated veteran and was recognized as the Distinguished Graduate of the 7th Army NCO Academy Primary Leadership Development Course in Germany, graduating first in a class of 128 soldiers.

Chief Jortner has received numerous commendations throughout his career, including the Cheshire Police Department's Officer of the Year Award (2007), the Meritorious Service Award, Outstanding Service Award, and a Unit Citation for his work with the Statewide Narcotics Task Force – South Central Office.

He is an active member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and currently serves as Second Vice President on the Executive Board of the FBI National Academy Associates, Connecticut Chapter.

As Chief of Police, Chief Jortner remains deeply committed to the principles of community-oriented policing, operational excellence, and the continued growth and development of the dedicated men and women of the Cheshire Police Department.