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Clayton County Board of Commissioners Name Gregory Porter New Police Chief

Jonesboro – Clayton County Board of Commissioners recently named Deputy Chief Gregory Porter as the county's new Police Chief. Chief Porter was selected over two other finalists, Hogansville Assistant Police Chief John E. Pearson, Sr. and Clayton County Deputy Chief Timothy R. Robinson.

Chief Porter's first official day in his new role was Monday, September 27, 2010. With family members by his side and a boardroom packed with supporters, Porter was officially installed as Clayton County's new chief during a "Pinning Ceremony" in the Boardroom of the Office of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners.

Porter's law enforcement career spans over two decades and during that time he has retained very close ties to the community, which played an important role in his selection as police chief. "The Board of Commissioners recognized the experience and the training that Porter brings to the position. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and currently seeking an advanced degree from the Georgia Law Enforcement Command College. This experience coupled with his commitment to the residents of Clayton County made Porter uniquely qualified for the position of Police Chief", said Chairman Eldrin Bell.

"The Board of Commissioners had a very serious and difficult decision to make; which it did not take lightly", said Vice-Chairman Wole Ralph. "All three finalists were well qualified, but Chief Porter is the right choice to lead our police department. He is experienced and has a wealth of community knowledge and we look forward to a bright future for the department under Chief Porter's direction. The Board would like to also extend our thanks to Chief Robinson for the job he performed as interim chief during this period of transition."

Police Chief Porter is honored to have been selected by the Board of Commissioners and sums up his feelings about his appointment by simply stating, *"I am very honored and humbled by the professional challenge that has been put before me."*

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