



## TOWN OF ROYALTON

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### **Town of Royalton Hires New Chief of Police**

The Royalton Selectboard is pleased to announce the hiring of Loretta Stalnaker as their new Chief of Police for the Town of Royalton. Stalnaker's start date will be July 9, 2018.

Stalnaker is a Level III Vermont Certified Police Officer. She has been with the Randolph Village Police Department for 18 years with her latest rank as Sergeant. She has also filled the role as an Interim Chief of Police in Randolph on three occasions and has received multiple commendations and awards. Stalnaker has been very active in the Randolph community and schools using a community policing model as her guide. This model is a "philosophy that promotes organizational strategies that support the systematic use of partnerships and problem-solving techniques to proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues such as crime, social disorder, and fear of crime". She has partnered with the Orange County Sheriff's Department to bring the L.E.A.D. (Law Enforcement Against Drugs) Program to the Randolph schools. L.E.A.D. also "helps law enforcement partner with educators, community leaders and families by providing effective programs to deter youth and adults from drug use, drug related crimes, bullying and violence". Stalnaker has served in the military and is currently serving in the Army National Guard as a Sergeant and is a Military Police Officer. Stalnaker is also co-chairperson to the Restorative Justice Program in Randolph.

Stalnaker's hiring concludes an extensive search by the Committee, which was appointed to represent a broad, diverse sampling of the town's needs. The Selectboard expresses its sincere appreciation for the hard work and dedication of the Committee members who were Gidget Lyman, Chair; Tim Dreisbach, Selectboard Member; Lorraine Atwood, Vermont Law School Representative; Marc Preston, Royalton Constable and Christine Hudson, Royalton School Board Chair. The Selectboard would also like to thank Officer Gary Rogler for keeping current on the tasks needed within the Town's police department as well as the Windsor County Sheriff's Department for their reliable coverage during this time.

A welcome reception for Stalnaker will follow at a future date in July. Stalnaker lives in East Randolph with her husband Craig, their two children and her sister.