



Michael Pooley

Chief of Police

Apache Junction Police Department

Chief Michael Pooley joined the Apache Junction Police Department in January of 2022 when he was selected to be Chief of Police. He oversees 125 employees in a city with a population of approximately 40,000 full-time residents and an additional 40,000 winter visitors.

Chief Pooley is a proven law enforcement leader and executive with over 22 years of experience that has served in a variety of leadership capacities.

Prior to joining the Apache Junction Police Department he worked for the Tempe Police Department (AZ) for almost 21 years, where he served at all ranks from patrol officer to Assistant Chief of Police. During his time at Tempe Police, he gained valuable experience from working in several operational and administrative assignments from patrol officer, S.W.A.T. operator, narcotics detective, patrol sergeant, negotiator supervisor, and media relations sergeant, Lieutenant, Commander, and Assistant Chief.

Chief Pooley earned a Bachelors in Justice Studies from Arizona State University and a Master of Education from Northern Arizona University. He is a graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Command and Senior Management Institute of Policing (SMIP). He is fluent in both Spanish and English.

Chief Pooley has a great history of dedicating his police service to working with the community and other partners to keep neighborhoods safe and involved in preventing crime. He understands the importance of building positive relationships and helping bridge gaps where needed to leave a lasting impression.

He has a passion for the law enforcement profession, and is committed to developing himself every day to establish trust, and to be the best possible leader for his organization and community.