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Wayne James joins IU Kokomo as police chief

KOKOMO, Ind. -- Indiana University Director of Public Safety Jerry Minger and Susan Sciame-Giesecke, interim chancellor of IU Kokomo, have announced the appointment of Wayne James as campus police chief. He began serving in his position Oct. 1.

James, 33, most recently served as operations lieutenant for the IU Police Department Northwest in Gary, Ind. He began as a patrol officer there in 2009.

As police chief at IU Kokomo, he will provide leadership, direction and oversight for all campus law enforcement functions.

“We are extremely pleased to welcome Wayne to his new role as police chief at Indiana University’s Kokomo campus,” Minger said. “His record of outstanding service, leadership skills and constant willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty make him an excellent choice to oversee police services and the safety of the IU Kokomo community.”

“Wayne brings a wealth of expertise in public safety and management to our campus,” Sciame-Giesecke said. “I look forward to working with him to continue providing a safe environment where our students, faculty and staff can learn and work.”

James said he is looking forward to being part of the IU Kokomo community and implementing a “Coffee with a Cop” program.

“I like the small-campus atmosphere,” he said. “I’m going to make sure to be available to work with all the students, faculty and staff. I’m a people person, and I look forward to developing a strategic plan and vision for our police department.”

James was an officer in the New Chicago Police Department in Indiana from 2003 to 2010, rising from patrol officer to the rank of detective sergeant. In 2009, he was commended for his work on a drug-related incident in which he arrested six

suspects. In 2011, while serving as sergeant for the IU Police Department Northwest, he received a medal of valor for his actions during an off-campus incident that helped save a man's life and secure a suspected shooter.

James graduated from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy and is currently earning a bachelor's degree in public safety management. He plans to move to Kokomo with his daughter.

Indiana University Kokomo serves north central Indiana.

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