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Quick Facts

- Kenneth Scoggins has been named Winthrop University's chief of police, effective immediately.
- Scoggins has served as interim chief of police since the August retirement of former Chief of Police Frank Zebedis.
- Scoggins has nearly 30 years of law enforcement experience and has spent 16 of those years at Winthrop.



Ken Scoggins

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA – **Kenneth Scoggins** has been named Winthrop University's chief of police, effective immediately. Scoggins has served as interim chief of police since the August retirement of former Chief of Police Frank Zebedis.

The search committee narrowed down the applicants from across the nation to three finalists, and Scoggins was selected for the position based on his **considerable law enforcement experience** and **extensive knowledge of law enforcement on a residential campus**.

"Ken has nearly 30 years of law enforcement service, and 16 of those years have been dedicated to keeping Winthrop's campus safe. He takes seriously the safety of Winthrop's students, faculty and staff, and visitors, and he is committed to Campus Police's mission of maintaining a high level of service while excelling in professionalism, integrity, training and partnership. His roles of responsibility have increased during his time at Winthrop – from serving as police officer to sergeant to assistant chief to interim chief – and Ken has excelled in those positions while earning the respect of his colleagues. We knew that he was the right person for this position," said **Frank Ardaiole**, vice president for student life.

Scoggins will oversee a staff of 25 and will be responsible for all budget and operational aspects of **Campus Police**, in addition to advising the university's critical incident management team.

Prior to joining Winthrop in 2001, Scoggins served as a sergeant and detective with the Rock Hill Police Department.

Scoggins is a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

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