

Captain Joe Binns is a 25 year veteran with the Town of Garner Police Department. He is currently serves as the Bureau Commander over Operations. In this position, he oversees the Criminal Investigative Division, Support Services Division, and the Patrol Division. He also serves as the department's Public Information Officer with responsibilities for handling media inquiries, performing on-camera interviews, and social media messaging. He is also responsible for the department's strategic planning function.

Joe received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in 1992 from North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC and his Master of Justice Administration from Methodist University in 2010. He is a graduate of the 261<sup>st</sup> FBI National Academy in Quantico and is a LGFCU Fellow through the UNC School of Government. Joe has also completed the Public Executive Leadership Academy through UNC as well as the IACP Leadership in Police Organizations class

During his career, Joe has served as a D.A.R.E. Officer, the department's Juvenile Investigator, and as a Team Leader on the department's Special Response Team. He has also been the Division Commander for both Criminal Investigations as well as Special Operations. Joe has been a certified Instructor with the North Carolina Training and Standards Division since 2003 and has taught thousands of hours of in-service as well as creating advanced training in leadership, firearms, public information, and Incident Command. He holds both firearms and fitness specialized certifications.

Currently, Joe teaches Public Information to students in the Methodist University Masters of Justice Administration program as an adjunct faculty member. He works with other agencies as a Subject Matter Expert for the International Association of Chiefs of Police in the Collaborative Reform Initiative Technical Assistance Center.

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