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Nancy and I have lived in Jupiter Inlet Colony for over 45 years and have known many of the police chiefs during that time. Most of these chiefs were officers in the Colony prior to being promoted to Chief. They were Bill Getty, Chris Proper, Randy Parker, Joe Benevento, John Stewart and John Pruitt. This was important because there was no Colony Learning curve that had to be mastered to becoming an effective Police Chief. Several times during the last 45 years the Colony received the distinction of being the city with no crime during a given year. If we didn't make Number One, we were often in the top twenty. This is attributed to our great police department run by these police chiefs and our unique location having one entrance/exit.

For many of these years the official population of the Colony was 409 people who knew their neighbors and the people in the community. Because of this and the physical location of the Colony, policing this city is not very exciting or complicated when considering hiring a new police chief. We are not NYC, Miami, or Orlando. We are a city with a population of about 400 – 450 people.

When Nancy and I first moved here the town office was Nora Warwick 's kitchen table (Jenny Fox's before her). When Nora went on vacation, Nancy became the assistant town clerk, and the town office became our kitchen table. Bill Getty was our only Police Officer and Police Chief, and he worked 5 days a week. My memory tells me that there was very little crime at that time. I know that this was a long time ago and things have changed considerably since then, but the fact is that we are still a very small city. We are not a big

city with big city needs and this should be taken into consideration when hiring a new Police Chief.

Professionalism and being friendly and helpful in character are just as important now as it was in the past. These are the traits we should look for in our new Police Chief. In continuing the tradition of promoting from within, Jim Matthews meets these criteria and has proven it in his last 11 years of employment as a Police Officer in the Colony. We suggest that Jim should strongly be considered for the position of new Police Chief of the Colony.

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