

Joseph Gramaglia, Police Commissioner, Buffalo Police Department

Joseph started his career with the Buffalo Housing Police Department in 1994 as a public safety officer patrolling the Municipal Housing developments in the city. In 1996, he was hired by the Buffalo Police Department as a police officer assigned to patrol until 2008, when he was promoted to Lieutenant assigned to patrol. In 2013, Joseph was promoted to Captain and assigned as the commander of the Homicide/Crimes Against Persons Division. In 2016 he was promoted to Chief and assigned to the Central District, which included the central business district, entertainment areas, sporting arenas, and many diverse neighborhoods. In this assignment, he was tasked with large-scale planning for many events, including parades, races, large gathering festival events, and concerts, as well as developing a robust community policing strategy to reduce crime and increase community engagement. In May of 2018, Joseph was promoted to Deputy Police Commissioner of Operations, overseeing all policing and homeland security operations for the department. On March 2, 2022, Joseph's appointment by Mayor Byron W. Brown as Police Commissioner was confirmed by the Buffalo Common Council.