

Chief Joseph Brugman



Chief Brugman is a native of Arizona. He Graduated from Safford High School and began his law enforcement career with the Chandler Police Department in 1985, retiring in 2010 as a commander. During his tenure with Chandler, he served in nearly every area of the department, including Field Training, Traffic, Property and Narcotic Crimes, Special Assignments Unit (SWAT), Community Services, Communications and Professional Standards. In July of 2010, he became the Chief of Police for the City of Coolidge Arizona, where he served until 2014, leaving to serve as the Police Chief of the Safford Police Department.

Joe has an Associate's Degree from Central Arizona College, a Bachelor of Science Degree from Arizona State University, a Master's Degree from Northern Arizona University and he received his Certification in Public Management from the Arizona State University. He is a graduate of the Southern Police Institute of Leadership and the FBI National Academy (class 224).

Joe is a Governor appointed Commissioner for the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, the Chairman of the Arizona Drug, Gang and Violent Crime Committee and sits on the Information and Technology Committee. Joe is also appointed by the Governor to the Department of Homeland Security Regional Advisory Committee. Joe served as the Vice President of the FBI National Academy Associates of Arizona, he is a member of the Graham County Drug Abuse Coalition and is the 2018 President of the Arizona Association of Chiefs of Police.