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Chief Dean Isabella **Seekonk Police Department, MA** **Providence, RI**

Dean Isabella began his law enforcement career in 1987 with the Providence Police Department in Rhode Island. He served as Commander of the Special Projects Unit, Acting Director of the Providence Emergency Management Agency, and Grant Coordinator.

Isabella co-created several programs during the course of his career. Alongside with the Department Of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (C.O.P.S.), he helped develop the Teaching Police Department Initiative (T.P.D.I.) as a comprehensive program for fostering police innovation and development. He also created the Providence Police Department's first Supervisors Orientation and body worn camera programs. After retiring from the Providence Police Department in 2019, Isabella became Chief of the Seekonk Police Department, MA in 2020.

Isabella is deeply committed to building relationships with the community and works closely with local organizations that provide affordable housing and economic development in the Olneyville area of Providence. Along with the Eisenhower Foundation, he helped organize the Youth Safe Haven/Police Ministration Program (Y.S.H.) as a way to address community issues by engaging with young people.

Isabella was the first officer in the United States selected to receive the U.S. Department of Justice Anthony Sutin Award for Civic Engagement. Since 2016, he has taught the dynamics of police-community relationships at Roger Williams University. He holds a B.S. in Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Administration and a M.A. in Criminal Justice and Police Science.

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