

Scott Nadeau

Scott Nadeau has been the interim Chief of Police in Golden Valley since September 2021. Prior to Golden Valley he served as the Chief of Police/Public Safety Director for the City of Maplewood (MN) from 2017 to 2021 and he was the Police Chief for the City of Columbia Heights (MN) from 2008 to 2017.

In his 13 years as a Police Chief he led two police department's return to community oriented policing. This transformation built and expanded important police-community partnerships which have led to years of crime reduction and increased community and stakeholder support as evidenced by active partnerships, crime statistics, and survey results. The work accomplished by the departments he has led has resulted in numerous awards and recognition by the IACP, US Department of Justice, and other state and regional entities.

Prior to being hired as the Chief of Police in Columbia Heights, Nadeau served as a police officer (1987), Detective (1998), Sergeant (2002), and Commander (2005) of the Brooklyn Center Police Department.

Chief Nadeau is also an educator who has instructed college and university classes on a variety of topics since 2003 and has delivered training in classroom, conference, and community settings to law enforcement leaders. He is recognized as a leader in community policing, problem oriented policing, working with diverse communities, and organizational transformation in police agencies. He has also authored and co-authored articles and studies on various law enforcement and criminal justice subjects that have been published in a number of state, national, and international trade journals.

Director Nadeau holds a Bachelor's degree in Law Enforcement (1998) and a Master's degree (2003) in Public Administration, both from Metropolitan State University. He graduated from the 257th class of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy (2014).