Thomas named permanent Lafayette deputy police chief

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Ten months after he was appointed to the post on an interim basis, Reginald Thomas has been made permanent deputy chief of the Lafayette Police Department.

Thomas was appointed interim chief shortly after Lafayette City-Parish Mayor-President Joel Robideaux took office. Thomas was not eligible to be chief permanently because he does not meet the educational requirements of the post. The deputy chief position was created by Robideaux shortly after it became clear that Thomas was unable to apply for the chief position.

Toby Aguillard was named police chief last fall. His work experience includes 18 years of law enforcement experience and a decade of combined experience as an assistant district attorney and an assistant attorney general. He holds a bachelor’s degree from St. Joseph Seminary College and a law degree from Southern University Law Center-Baton Rouge.

Reginald Thomas, who had served as interim police chief in Lafayette, has been named the permanent deputy police chief.

Thomas is a 25-year veteran of the Lafayette Police Department and a graduate of the FBI National Academy.