

Matt Heins

Matt Heins started his career at the Jackson Police Department in 1989 as a cadet. He has been promoted four times: To patrol officer in 1989, sergeant in 1997, lieutenant in 1998, and deputy chief in 2001.

Through the years, he has taken on many assignments while working for the Jackson Police Department. He was one of the first community policing officers; worked as the Staff Assistant, coordinating training, grant applications, and licensing; was a member of the Honor Guard for five years; and was a member of the Special Response Team for ten years – during three of those years he was the Team Leader.

Deputy Chief Heins graduated from Hanover-Horton High School, attended Jackson Community College, received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from Michigan State University, and obtained a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Western Michigan University. He also is a past graduate of the Leadership Academy, Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command, and the FBI National Academy.

Deputy Chief Heins' community involvement includes:

- Northwest Jackson Kiwanis Club – Member since 1995; Past President; Board member for four years
- Elks Lodge – Past member and board member
- Cascades Humane Society – Member since 1998; Current President
- Adjunct Professor at Jackson Community College

