

**Lake County Sheriff's Office
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Sheriff Idleburg Promotes Two Members of Sheriff's Office

Sheriff John Idleburg is proud to announce the promotion of two Lake County Sheriff's Office employees, which takes effect today.

Corrections Lieutenant William Thornton is promoted to Corrections Deputy Chief and Deputy Ari Briskman is promoted to Sergeant.

William began his career with the Lake County Sheriff's Office in November of 2006, shortly after retiring after a 20-year career with the U.S. Marine Corps. In September of 2012, William was promoted to Corrections Sergeant. In 2015, William attended the prestigious Northwestern University Center for Public Safety's School of Police Staff and Command. He was then promoted to Corrections Lieutenant in 2016.

William has been an inspirational leader to his colleagues at the Lake County Sheriff's Office and serves on the Corrections Response Team as well as the Lake County Sheriff's Honor Guard. In his new position he will oversee the day-to-day administrative functions of the Lake County Jail.

Ari joined the Lake County Sheriff's Office in 2014 after serving as a police officer for Antioch and Round Lake Park Police Departments. Nearly 17 years ago, Ari's first law-enforcement experience was as an Explorer with the Lake County Sheriff's Office.

Ari has been assigned to Highway Patrol while holding the following specialties and certifications: Field Training Officer, Traffic Crash Investigator and Reconstructionist, Evidence Technician, Drug Recognition Expert-Instructor, Standardized Field Sobriety Test Instructor, and Explorer Post advisor.

Ari has received numerous commendations and awards throughout his career including six Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists Top Cop DUI Enforcement awards, Mothers Against Drunk Driving Top DUI Officer award, and the Lake County Sheriff's Office Lifesaving Award.

Ari will continue to be assigned to Highway Patrol as a shift-supervisor.

Sheriff John Idleburg said, "I am very proud to promote William and Ari to their new ranks. Both have shown their dedication to the people of Lake County and both have terrific leadership abilities. I am confident William and Ari will continue utilizing their skills in our efforts of enhancing the Lake County Sheriff's Office and serving the Lake County community."

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