



News release

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**Racine Police Chief Art Howell
to keynote Gateway's Dr. King celebration**

Racine Police Chief Art Howell will be the keynote speaker for Gateway Technical College's 19th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration noon Jan. 21 in the Madrigrano Auditorium of the Conference Center on Gateway's Kenosha Campus, 3520-30th Ave.

This year's theme is "Reviving the Dream Through Education." The event is free and open to the public. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and a reception will be held following the one-hour event. The event will be Webcast live at www.gtc.edu.

Howell began working at the Racine Police Department in 1984 and was selected as police chief in March of 2012, following a nationwide search for the leader of the 200-officer department. Prior to that, he served as deputy police chief, beginning in 2008.

Howell has served in a number of areas of the police department, including being assigned as a gang unit officer, traffic investigator, detective and public information officer. Following his promotion to lieutenant in 2000, he served as lieutenant of detectives, and was promoted to captain in 2003. He then

was assigned to the department's administrative division, where he oversaw the department's \$24 million budget until he was transferred to the investigative division with the rank of deputy chief.

Howell is an active board member on several Racine community non-profit organizations, including the Grant Committee of the Racine Community Foundation and serving as board president for the Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization (HALO).

Howell earned his bachelor's degree in Human Services from Springfield College, Springfield, Mass.; his master's degree in Management from Cardinal Stritch University, Milwaukee; and graduated from the 235th session of the FBI National Academy.

Howell is married to April Johnson-Howell and has two children.

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