

Police Chief, Troy Mills

Chief Mills is a United States Coast Guard military veteran and 20-year Law Enforcement veteran.

Chief Mills graduated Roseburg High School in 1990 then attended Western Oregon State on a football scholarship until he sustained a debilitating injury in football. After taking time to heal, he joined the U.S. Coast Guard in 1991.

After attending basic training in Cape May, New Jersey, he was stationed in Alaska and eventually made his way back to Oregon and was stationed in Winchester Bay. During his career in the Coast Guard, Chief Mills became a Petty Officer and Boatswains Mate. He became the stations Officer of the Day and was responsible for the oversight of over 40 Coast Guard members, 8 Motor Life Boats, and oversaw the operations of both Station Umpqua River and Station Siuslaw River. He took part in hundreds of Search and Rescue Missions saving the lives of many individuals earning him the Commandants Letter of Commendation and Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation. He also attended several schools and became Winchester Bay's Commercial Fishing Vessel Examiner.

After his service in the military, he enrolled in college in Oklahoma and became a certified Blacksmith and Ferrier before moving back to Oregon. Once back in Oregon, Chief Mills was a self-employed Ferrier and put himself through college. He passed the Oregon State Medical Board and became a Certified Nursing Assistant and Certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). Chief Mills began working for Mercy Hospital before realizing he wanted to get back into Law Enforcement which was his true calling.

He went to work for the Department of Veterans Affairs as a Federal Officer attending the Federal Law Enforcement Academy (FLEA) in Arkansas. During his career, he excelled and became a certified police instructor in several law enforcement disciplines.

After a few years with the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Sutherlin Police Department offered Chief Mills a job as a police officer. Chief Mills accepted the job and through the years has worked his way through the ranks from Patrol Officer to Sergeant to Lieutenant and now has the opportunity serve the City of Sutherlin and its residents as the Chief of Police.

Chief Mills is happily married to his wife Sarah and together they have two wonderful children Wyatt and Garrett. They spend their spare time together doing outdoor recreation such as camping, hunting, boating and OHV (Off-Highway Vehicles) recreation.