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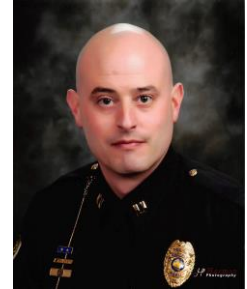
From Mayor Don Sturch;

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For Immediate Release

I have appointed Matt Feller as Chief of the Peru Police Department effective January 1st.

Chief Feller has 21 years of experience on the Peru Police Department and has held the rank of Sergeant, Detective Sergeant, Administrative Lieutenant, Detective Captain, and held the position of Assistant Chief of Police prior to his appointment. He resides in Miami County with his wife, Andrea.



Chief Feller is a graduate of Peru High School. He obtained a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and Criminology from Ball State University and a Masters in Public Safety from the University of Virginia. Furthering his education in law enforcement, Chief Feller graduated from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy and is a graduate from the 269th Session of the FBI National Academy.

During his time on the Peru Police Department, he served as the Field Training Officer, Generalist Instructor, Firearms Instructor, Shotgun Instructor, Emergency Vehicle Operations Instructor, Crime Scene Investigator, Digital Forensic Investigator and a Miami County Drug Court Representative.

Chief Feller is an active community member and has had an integral role in these organizations: Miami County Community Foundation Service Board President, North Central Indiana Community Foundation Executive Board Member, Substance Abuse Prevention Council Member, Miami County Child Protection Team Member. Chief Feller is also a subject matter expert for the National Policing Institute Rural Violent Crime Reduction Initiative.

Chief Feller was chosen to lead the Peru Police Department in part, due to his extensive knowledge, determination and forward thinking. Chief Feller's goals for the Peru Police Department align closely with mine and my vision for the PPD and the City of Peru.