

Edwin Mercer is a lifelong Alaskan who grew up in Southeast Alaska. He has always enjoyed the beauty and outdoors that Alaska has to offer. Ed has served this great state in many ways, and most importantly, it all began with his pursuit of law enforcement in his early twenties. In 1991, he attended the Law Enforcement Training Academy in Sitka, Alaska. After graduating, he became a Reserve Officer with the Sitka Police Department in 1992. A year later, Ed was sworn in as a full-time Police Officer.

Ed moved to Juneau in 2000 and joined the Juneau Police Department as a lateral Police Officer. He worked in the Patrol Division and later in the Drug Enforcement Unit. Within four years, Ed began rising through the ranks. In March 2004, he was promoted to Patrol Sergeant; two years later to Lieutenant; five years later to Captain of Operations; and two years later to Deputy Chief. In July 2017, Ed accepted the position of Chief of Police.

During these past 6 years, Chief Mercer has led the Juneau Police Department with integrity and courage. Chief Mercer is committed to community policing principles and programs that foster relationships with the citizens of Juneau. He has continued the annual National Night Out campaign. He has reinstated a Citizens Academy program for members of the public to become more familiar with their police department. Most recently, Chief Mercer was responsible for JPD becoming accredited through the Oregon Accreditation Alliance. JPD was previously accredited through the State of Alaska, however, that program ended several years ago. Being the capital city, Chief Mercer continually strives to ensure JPD is a leader for other police agencies in Alaska. He actively serves on the board for the Alaska Association of Chiefs of Police, the Alaska Police Standards Council board, as well as, on the HIDTA-Alaska executive board (High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas). Chief Mercer is a member of the FBI CJIS Northwest Group.

Chief Mercer holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Herzing University in Madison, Wisconsin. He also holds an Advanced Police Officer Certificate from Alaska Police Standards Council. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, 259th session.