

Chief Andre Sayles was sworn in as Beloit's 19th Police Chief on April 19, 2021. Sayles has an extensive background in community policing. He began his career with the Beloit Police Department in January of 2005, where he served as a sergeant, lieutenant, captain and now chief. During Sayles' tenure in Beloit, he led the Drug and Gang Investigative Unit, Community Outreach Unit, Defensive and Arrest Tactics Instructors (DAAT), Training Cadre, Mobile Field Force Unit, Tactical Operations Unit, Assessment and Recruitment Team (ART), and revitalized the Explorers program.

Sayles is a graduate of Wisconsin Command College Class #6, Leadership in Police Organizations, and is the 2nd Vice President of the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Executive Development Association (WLEEDA). Sayles is also an instructor at Madison College, where he teaches Police and Community Relations, Report Writing, and Interview Techniques. He is also a member of the Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association (WCPA), National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), and Police Executive Research Forum (PERF).

Sayles holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Iowa Wesleyan University and is currently pursuing a master's degree in criminal justice, with an emphasis on police leadership.

While serving as sergeant of patrol, Sayles was awarded the City of Beloit Hometown Hero award for his efforts in community collaboration.

He is a member of the Rock County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and its Evidence Based Decision Making Team; a board member for Beloit Community Health Systems, Stateline Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCA, and Family Services of Southern Wisconsin & Northern Illinois. Chief Sayles also is a speaker for the annual Male Minority Leadership Conference, which is hosted by Rock Valley College.

