

THE PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON 21ST CENTURY POLICING

J. Scott Thomson

John Scott Thomson was sworn in as chief of the Camden County Police Department on May 1, 2013. Prior to that, he served as chief of the former Camden Police Department for five years.

Chief Thomson has been in law enforcement since 1992. He holds an M.A. in education from Seton Hall University and a B.A. in sociology from Rutgers University.

Chief Thomson ascended through the ranks of the Camden Police Department, serving in various operational and investigative positions and commands and receiving several commendations such as the Narcotic Detective of the Year in 1999 from the New Jersey County Narcotic Commanders Association. He served on the New Jersey Supreme Court Special Committee on Discovery in Criminal and Quasi-Criminal Matters. In 2011, Chief Thomson received the Gary P. Hayes Award from the Police Executive Research Forum. He sits on the board of advisors for New York University School of Law Center on the Administration of Criminal Law. Chief Thomson serves as an Executive Fellow for the Police Foundation and is on the board of directors for the Police Executive Research Forum in Washington, D.C.