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## Calvert County Zoning Enforcement Chief Graduates from Leadership Maryland

**PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Jan. 26, 2022** – The Calvert County Department of Planning & Zoning’s Zoning Enforcement Chief Christopher Breedlove recently completed the Leadership Maryland program, a professional development program dedicated to building a better Maryland by harnessing the strength of its local business and community leaders.

Breedlove is one of 49 Maryland business and community leaders chosen for Leadership Maryland’s 28<sup>th</sup> class, the Class of 2021, who completed the eight-month, hands-on learning program focused on the state’s most vital societal, economic and environmental issues. The class was originally selected as the Class of 2020 but was postponed one year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This distinction places Breedlove among a select few within Calvert County Government who share this distinction, including Commissioner Steven R. Weems, Class of 2016; County Administrator Mark Willis, Class of 2014; Deputy County Administrator Linda Vassallo, Class of 2007; Planning & Zoning Director Mary Beth Cook, Class of 2019; and Economic Development Deputy Director Danita Boonchaisri, Class of 2008.

“Leadership Maryland is an incredibly competitive program and I am proud of the effort and commitment that Chris has put into completing this program during an unusually challenging time,” said Calvert County Administrator Mark Willis. “It is always a pleasure to support employees as they take steps to further their career. This program ensures our staff have the tools to be more effective leaders and help shape the future of our community.”

Breedlove was hired as the zoning enforcement chief with the Calvert County Department of Planning & Zoning in November 2010. He is a veteran of the Maryland Transportation Authority Police and a current member of the Waldorf Volunteer Fire

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Department. He is an emergency services instructor for the University of Maryland, Maryland Fire Rescue Institute. Breedlove is also a 2018 graduate of Leadership Southern Maryland.

Leadership Maryland participants attended an orientation followed by five intensive two-day sessions focused on Maryland's economic development, education, health and human services, criminal justice, the environment, and multi-culturalism/diversity, in all five main geographic regions. These sessions were followed by a closing retreat and a graduation celebration on Dec. 7, 2021.

Leadership Maryland is open to senior-level executives with significant achievements in either their careers and/or their communities. For more information about Leadership Maryland, please visit [www.LeadershipMD.org](http://www.LeadershipMD.org), call 410-841-2101 or email [Info@LeadershipMD.org](mailto:Info@LeadershipMD.org).

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