

# STATE OF MINNESOTA

Executive Department



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**Governor Tim Walz**

## NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

**Paul Schnell**

Because of the special trust and confidence I have in your integrity, judgment, and ability, I have appointed you to the office of:

**Commissioner**

**Minnesota Department of Corrections**

Effective: January 2, 2023

Expires: January 4, 2027

This appointment carries with it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.

Signed and sealed January 2, 2023.



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Tim Walz

Governor

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Steve Simon

Secretary of State

Reappointment

Filed on January 2, 2023

Office of the Minnesota

Secretary of State,

Steve Simon

# Paul Patrick Schnell

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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<b>Minnesota Department of Corrections, St. Paul, MN</b> Commissioner	January 2019 – Present
<b>Inver Grove Heights Police Department, Inver Grove Hts., MN</b> Chief of Police	December 2017 – Jan. 2019
<b>Maplewood Police Department, Maplewood, MN</b> Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police	July 2013 – June 2017
<b>Hastings Police Department, Hastings, MN</b> Chief of Police/Co-Emergency Manager	June 2010 - July 2013
<b>Saint Paul Police Department, Saint Paul, MN</b> Inspector/Sergeant – Public Information Officer Sergeant – Patrol Sergeant - Investigator Police Officer	September 1999 - June 2013 May 2009 - June 2010 August 2007 – May 2009 January 2006 – August 2007 September 1999 – August 2005

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### Additional Past Experience

Adjunct Faculty Member; Metropolitan State University-School of Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement, Saint Paul, MN  
Adjunct instructor; University of St. Thomas/St. Catherine University, School of Social Work, Saint Paul, MN  
Administrative Lieutenant; Metropolitan Transit Police, Minneapolis, MN  
Deputy Sheriff/Sergeant; Carver County Sheriff's Department, Chaska, MN  
Correctional Program Coordinator; Carver County Court Services, Chaska, MN  
Case Manager; Volunteers of America – Correctional Services; Minneapolis, MN  
Program Manager; Reentry Services, St. Paul, MN

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## EDUCATION & LICENSURE

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Master of Arts, Organizational Leadership | Saint Catherine University, Saint Paul, MN  
Bachelor of Arts, Social Work | University of Saint Thomas, Saint Paul, MN  
Licensed Social Worker – Minnesota Board of Social Work

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## AWARDS

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Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association "Richard Schaller Award" Recipient, 2017  
Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women Inspire Award Recipient, 2016  
Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault AWARE Award Recipient, 2012.  
Saint Catherine University, St. Paul - Commencement Speaker/Medal of Valor recipient, May 2012.  
Dispute Resolution Center "Kay Pranis" Restorative Justice Award Recipient, 2011  
St. Paul Police Department "Officer of the Year," 2003

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## PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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Board Member, Minnesota Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness; 2018 – 2019  
Board Member, Tubman (formerly Harriet Tubman Center); 2014 - 2017  
Board Member, Police Chief Representative – Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training; 2014 – 2017  
Board Member/Director, Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association; 2012 – 2015  
Board Member/Chair, 180 Degrees (501c3 organization); 2006 – 2014