

Joel B. Plant



Joel Plant is chief of staff in the Milwaukee Police Department, the first civilian ever to hold that position in Milwaukee. He was previously a Madison, Wisconsin, mayoral aide responsible for public safety and neighborhood issues. On the mayor's behalf, he was the liaison to the police, fire, city attorney, municipal court, building inspection, and community development agencies on operations, policy, and budget matters. In those functions he earned the respect and trust of the mayor as well as the police officials with whom he worked on a variety of public safety issues. Plant also managed the city's Neighborhood Resource Teams and was the mayor's liaison to the public schools. He was previously Madison's first alcohol policy coordinator. He has been applauded for blending strong research and analysis skills and perspectives with a strong, pragmatic approach to public safety and organizational change.

Plant has also worked as a research assistant for the Center for Problem-Oriented Policing; a crime analyst in the Tempe, Arizona, Police Department; and a teaching assistant and adjunct professor. He also has worked as a criminal prosecutor, including trying felony cases. Plant holds a bachelor's degree from Marquette University, a master's degree from Arizona State University, and a law degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.