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CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES COMMAND STAFF PROMOTIONS

CHICAGO — Chicago Police Department (CPD) Superintendent Larry Snelling today announced new Command Staff promotions within the Bureau of Patrol.

Commander Michael Tate has been promoted to the role of Street Deputy, Lieutenant Patrick Darling will serve as the Commander of the 22nd (Morgan Park) District and Lieutenant Andre Poston will become the Commander of the 6th (Gresham) District.

"These newly promoted leaders will fill important roles within our patrol operations," said Superintendent Snelling. "Deputy Chief Tate, Commander Darling and Commander Poston have spent their careers focused on reducing violence and building trust. They are motivated leaders who I know will continue to do all they can to make our neighborhoods safer for our fellow Chicagoans."

Street Deputy - Michael Tate

Deputy Chief Tate, a 30-year member of the Department, was most recently the Commander of the 6th (Gresham) District. As Commander, he strengthened the district's violence reduction efforts and community partnership. Prior to his promotion to Commander, he was a Lieutenant in the Narcotics Division, where he oversaw the daily operations of teams focused on illegal narcotics sales. As a Sergeant, he worked in the Area Two Deputy Chief's Office, managing day-to-day operations and overseeing the Area Two Summer Mobile program. Deputy Chief Tate also worked in the 7th (Englewood) District as an Administrative Sergeant and in the Bureau of Internal Affairs as a Confidential Investigations Section Sergeant. He also worked as a Sergeant in the 6th District. Deputy Chief Tate holds both a master's degree in public safety administration and a bachelor's degree in law enforcement management from Calumet College of St. Joseph. He also attended the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command.

Commander of the 22nd (Morgan Park) District - Patrick Darling

Commander Darling, a 19-year member of the Department, most recently served as the Lieutenant of the Area 1 Priority Response Team. As the Lieutenant, he oversaw and supervised daily deployments and operations of the team based on the needs of the districts within Area 1. In this role, he also utilized data analysis to inform strategies to address emerging crime trends and community safety concerns. Before this, he was both a Watch Operations Lieutenant and a Field Lieutenant in the 9th (Deering) District. While he was a Sergeant, he also served in the 9th District as a Patrol and Tactical Sergeant. Earlier in his career, Commander Darling was a detective in the Area 1 Detective Division, where he focused on robberies and gained experience in Special Victims and Violent Crimes.



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investigations. Commander Darling holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Science from Illinois State University.

Commander of the 6th (Gresham) District - Andre Poston

Commander Poston, a 26-year member of the Department, most recently served as a Lieutenant in the Public Transportation Section within the Bureau of Counterterrorism. As a Lieutenant, he led public safety operations across the Chicago Transit Authority System, focusing on crime reduction through strategic resource deployment. Commander Poston leveraged the Public Transportation Section's Strategic Decision Support Center (SDSC) technology to guide the data-driven deployment of resources and support proactive strategies that enhance safety and reduce violence. Before this, he was a Watch Operations Lieutenant and Field Lieutenant in the 2nd (Wentworth) District. As a Sergeant, Commander Poston worked in Airport Operations and the 4th (South Chicago) District. He holds a master's degree in Management & Financial Fraud from Saint Xavier University and a bachelor's degree in Law Enforcement Management from Calumet College of St. Joseph. He also attended the Police Executive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Police.

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