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CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES COMMAND STAFF PROMOTIONS

CHICAGO — Superintendent David O. Brown today announced new command staff promotions, effective today. These promotions include the appointment of a new street deputy as well as new commanders of the Office of Community Policing and the Public Transportation Section.

"These newly appointed leaders are seasoned officers who have always prioritized the safety of this city and its people," said Superintendent Brown. "I know their dedication and passion to serve Chicago will continue as they move into these next phases of their careers."

Deputy Chief (Street Deputy) – Ronald Pontecore

Deputy Chief Pontecore, a 30-year member of the Department, most recently served as the commander of the 17th (Albany Park) District. Prior to that, he served as commander of the 8th (Chicago Lawn) District. He has also served as a Captain in the 9th (Deering), 25th (Grand Central) and 12th (Near West) districts. He also served as an inspector with the Inspection Division. As a lieutenant, he served in the 17th District and in the Education and Training Division, where he was the commanding officer of recruit training. As a sergeant, he was assigned to the 15th (Austin) and 25th districts. In the 25th District, he served as a gang team sergeant. Deputy Chief Pontecore holds a master's degree in Criminal Justice from Lewis University and holds a bachelor's of arts from DePaul University.

Commander of the Public Transportation Section – Joseph Bird

Commander Joseph Bird, a 24-year member of the Department, most recently served as a lieutenant within the Bureau of Internal Affairs as the Department Advocate. Prior to that, he served as a sergeant within the Office of Legal Affairs. As a sergeant, he also served in SWAT, where he was the assistant SWAT coordinator. He also previously served in the Management and Labor Affairs Section, Mobile Strike Force and the 4th (South Chicago) District. Commander Bird holds a Juris Doctor degree from the John Marshall Law School, a master's degree in Values-Driven Leadership from Benedictine University, a master's degree in Urban Planning and Public Policy from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He also holds a bachelor's degree in Program Management from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He also attended the Department's Executive Development Program for sergeants.



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Commander of the Office of Community Policing – Galen T. Caldwell

Commander Caldwell, a 25-year member of the Department, most recently served as the commanding officer of the Intergovernmental Affairs Section. As a lieutenant, he has served as a watch operations, training liaison and tactical lieutenant in the 5th (Calumet) District. He also served as a field lieutenant in the 1st (Central) District. As a sergeant, he was a supervisor in the Legal Affairs Division, serving within the Litigation Support & Discovery Unit. He was also an investigator in the Bureau of Internal Affairs' Special Investigations Section, a sergeant with the CAPS Project Office, an administrative liaison to the Chicago Public Schools' Office of Safety and Security, a community policing sergeant in the 5th District and a field sergeant in the 7th (Englewood) District. Commander Caldwell holds a Juris Doctor degree from Chicago-Kent College of Law. He is a licensed attorney and also an active member of the Chicago Bar Association. He also holds a bachelor's degree in vocal music performance from Chicago State University.

Commander of the Office of the Superintendent – Robert Vanna

Commander Robert Vanna, a 30-year member of the Department, most recently served as a lieutenant within the Bureau of Patrol, where he coordinated projects related to the consent decree, resource allocation and policy development. Prior to that, he served as a watch operations lieutenant in the 019th (Town Hall) and 002nd (Wentworth) districts. Previously, he served as a sergeant in the Bureau of Internal Affairs, Management and Labor Affairs Section and the former 013th District. He holds a master's degree in Public Administration from the Illinois Institute of Technology. He also holds a bachelor's degree in Speech Communications from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

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