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Superintendent Johnson Announces Additional Command Staff Changes to Keep Communities Safe and Build Stronger Partnerships

CHICAGO – Chicago Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson today announced additional changes to his leadership team that will be responsible for crime control, investigative, and operational functions. The moves, which focus primarily on area and district level positions, have been made as part of his pledge to rebuild trust between the Department and the community, while focusing on the need to hold offenders accountable for their actions.

"Making Chicago safer and building strong partnerships with the community begins with effective leaders that understand the unique dynamics of our neighborhoods," said Superintendent Johnson. "The men and women that make up the next generation of CPD commanders have all exhibited strong commitment, leadership, and a love for this city that will benefit every Chicagoan."

These moves follow the recent announcement of senior leadership changes which include Kevin B. Navarro to become First Deputy Superintendent on September 7th and Melissa A. Staples to become Chief of Detectives on September 16th.

LEADERSHIP ASSIGNMENTS (EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2016)

COMMANDER OF AREA CENTRAL PATROL – FRANK VALADEZ

Frank Valadez will become Executive Officer of Area Central Patrol. He previously served as Commander of the 10th District.

COMMANDER OF AREA SOUTH PATROL – ELGIN HOLT

Elgin Holt will become Executive Officer of Area South Patrol. He previously served as a Lieutenant in Area South Detectives.

COMMANDER OF 2ND DISTRICT – CRYSTAL KING-SMITH

Crystal King-Smith will become Commander of the 2nd District. She previously served as Captain of the 2nd District.

COMMANDER OF 5TH DISTRICT – VARRICK DOUGLAS

Varrick Douglas will become Commander of the 5th District. He previously served as Lieutenant in the 6th District.

COMMANDER OF 6TH DISTRICT – WILLIAM BRADLEY

William Bradley will become Commander of the 6th District. He previously served as Lieutenant in the Bureau of Patrol.

COMMANDER OF 7TH DISTRICT – KENNETH JOHNSON

Kenneth Johnson will become Commander of the 7th District. He previously served as Lieutenant in the Summer Mobile Patrol.

COMMANDER OF 8TH DISTRICT – RONALD PONTECORE

Ronald Pontecore will become Commander of the 8th District. He previously served as Captain in the 8th District.

COMMANDER OF 10TH DISTRICT – JAMES SANCHEZ

James Sanchez will become Commander of the 10th District. He previously served as Lieutenant in the Gang Investigation Unit.

COMMANDER OF 11TH DISTRICT – KEVIN JOHNSON

Kevin Johnson will become Commander of the 11th District. He previously served as Commander of the 5th District.

COMMANDER OF VICE/ASSET FORFEITURE – KAREN KONOW

Karen Konow will become Commander of Vice/Asset Forfeiture. She previously served as Lieutenant of Vice/Asset Forfeiture.

COMMANDER OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION – CINDY SAM

Cindy Sam will become Commander of Public Transportation. She previously served as Lieutenant of Public Transportation at Midway Airport.

COMMANDER OF AREA CENTRAL DETECTIVES – BRENDAN DEENIHAN

Brendan Deenihan will become Commander of Area Central Detectives. He previously served as a Commander in the Bureau of Internal Affairs.

COMMANDER OF AREA SOUTH DETECTIVES – RODNEY BLISSET

Rodney Blisset will become Commander of Area South Detectives. He previously served as Commander of the 6th District.

COMMANDER OF AIRPORT LAW ENFORCEMENT – THOMAS O'BRIEN

Thomas O'Brien will become Commander of Airport Law Enforcement. He previously served as Captain of Airport Law Enforcement at O'Hare Airport.

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