



NEWS RELEASE

Chicago Police Department

Eddie Johnson
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Interim Superintendent Johnson Announces Command Staff Promotions

CHICAGO – Interim Chicago Police Superintendent Eddie T. Johnson announced today the promotion of two talented and widely respected commanding officers to new leadership positions within the Department. Fred L. Waller, current Deputy Chief of CPD Area South, has been named Chief of Patrol. Kevin B. Navarro, current Commander of CPD Area South Detective Division, has been named Deputy Chief of Area South. Additionally, First Deputy Superintendent John Escalante will resume his responsibilities as second in command of the Department. The appointments are effective March 28, 2016.

"Fred and Kevin have been extremely talented officers who have earned the respect of a grateful Department," said Interim Superintendent Johnson. "I am honored to work with them to make Chicago's streets safer and restore trust with the communities we serve."

FRED L. WALLER, CHIEF OF PATROL

Fred L. Waller has been appointed to the third highest position at the Chicago Police Department and will be responsible for all aspects of patrol deployments and oversee the Department's 25 district stations for the nation's second largest policing agency. With more than 29 years of service, Waller has held numerous leadership positions as Commander of the 2nd and 6th Districts, Lieutenant of tactical teams and served in the Gang Investigations Section for 15 years. He has received 20 Department Commendations, Unit Meritorious Award, Problem Solving Award, four Joint Operation Awards, and 75 Honorable Mentions. Waller holds a Bachelor's Degree from University of Illinois – Chicago. He is married and has four children.

KEVIN B. NAVARRO, DEPUTY CHIEF OF AREA SOUTH

Kevin B. Navarro has been appointed to Deputy Chief of CPD Area South. Prior to the appointment he served as the Commander of the Area South Detective Division. Serving for almost 30 years, Navarro has held positions as Commander in the Detective Division and Bureau of Patrol in the 4th and 25th Districts. He has also served as commanding officer of CPD's Narcotics Section as well as the Joint Terrorism Task Force with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Navarro holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal and Social Justice from Lewis University. He is married and has four children.

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