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Superintendent Johnson Announces Leadership Team Changes to Support Promise to Rebuild Trust and Reduce Violence

CHICAGO – Chicago Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson today announced changes to his senior leadership team at the Police Department who will be responsible for crime control, investigative and operational functions. The moves address vacancies for two of the highest ranking positions at the department resulting from the announcement by First Deputy Superintendent John Escalante earlier this week that he is retiring from the Department to accept the Chief of Police position at Northeastern Illinois University, and the upcoming age-related mandatory retirement of Chief of Detectives Eugene Roy. To fill these critical roles, Johnson today announced the promotions of Deputy Chief Kevin Navarro to First Deputy Superintendent and Deputy Chief of Melissa A. Staples to Chief of Detectives.

Johnson also made additional command staff moves in support of his pledge to rebuild trust between the Department and the community, while holding criminals accountable to make a safer Chicago.

"The men and women that I have chosen to serve in these leadership positions are all dedicated, respected, and accomplished police officers who represent the qualities that this Department is built upon," said Johnson. "We all share the same goal to make this Department better for every Chicagoan and every brave officer that works to keep our streets safe. They have my fullest confidence in their ability to serve with honor and build lasting partnerships with the community."

Diversity at the department's senior command ranks has recently reached historic levels. Sixty-percent of police chiefs and fifty-percent of deputy chiefs are African American and more women are serving in executive leadership roles than at any previous point in the Department's history.

SENIOR COMMAND POSITIONS

KEVIN B. NAVARRO – FIRST DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT



Kevin B. Navarro will serve in the second highest position at the Department and will be responsible for all aspects of patrol operations, deployment and criminal investigations for the nation's second largest policing agency. With more than 30 years of service, Navarro has held numerous senior command positions including Deputy Chief of Patrol for Area South, Commander of the 25th District, Commander of the 4th District and Commander in the Bureau of Detectives. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal and Social Justice from Lewis University and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and has served as a volunteer for the United Service Organizations (USO). He is a lifelong Chicagoan and is married with four children. **Navarro will become First**

Deputy Superintendent effective September 7, 2016.

MELISSA A. STAPLES – CHIEF OF DETECTIVES



Melissa A. Staples will be responsible for the day-to-day management of the Bureau of Detectives, including oversight of all criminal investigations for the Chicago Police Department. She has over 25 years of service with the Chicago Police Department and has served the Department in a supervisor capacity as a Tactical and Gang Sergeant, a Tactical Lieutenant, Commanding Officer of the former Area Four Detective Division and the Department's Asset Forfeiture Unit. Staples later served two years as the Commander of the 017th District and two years as the Commander of the 012th District. Prior to this promotion, she was assigned as the Executive Officer of the Bureau of Patrol. Staples holds a Master's Degree in Public Policy and Administration from Northwestern University. **Staples will assume the role of Chief of**

Detectives on September 16, 2016.



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LEADERSHIP ASSIGNMENTS (EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2016)

DEPUTY CHIEF OF DETECTIVES – JAMES JONES

James Jones will become Executive Officer of the Bureau of Detectives. He previously served as Commander and Deputy Chief of the 11th District.

DEPUTY CHIEF OF PATROL – GEORGE DEVEREUX

George Devereux will become Deputy Chief/Executive Officer of the Bureau of Patrol. He previously served as Executive Officer of Area Central Patrol as a Commander.

DEPUTY CHIEF OF ORGANIZED CRIME – DANA ALEXANDER

Dana Alexander will become Executive Officer of the Bureau of Organized Crime. He previously served as Street Operations Deputy Chief in the Bureau of Patrol.

DEPUTY CHIEF OF AREA SOUTH PATROL –LARRY WATSON

Lawrence Watson will become Deputy Chief of Area South in the Bureau of Patrol. He previously served as Commander of the 7th and 5th Districts.

DEPUTY CHIEF OF SPECIAL FUNCTIONS – ERIC CARTER

Eric Carter will become Deputy Chief of Special Functions. He previously served as Executive Officer of the Bureau of Organized Crime.

DEPUTY CHIEF OF DETACHED SERVICES – STEVE GEORGAS

Steve Georgas will become Deputy Chief of Detached Services. He previously served as Deputy Chief of Special Functions. Prior to that role, Georgas served as Commander of the 18th District.

STREET OPERATIONS DEPUTY CHIEF – TERRENCE WILLIAMS

Terrence Williams will become a Street Operations Deputy Chief in the Bureau of Patrol. He previously served as Commander of the 2nd District.

STREET OPERATIONS DEPUTY CHIEF – JAMES O’DONNELL

James O’Donnell will become a Street Operations Deputy Chief in the Bureau of Patrol. He previously served as Commander of the 8th and 16th Districts.

STREET OPERATIONS DEPUTY CHIEF – KENNETH ANGARONE

Kenneth Angarone will become a Street Operations Deputy Chief in the Bureau of Patrol. He previously served as Commander of Vice and Asset Forfeiture. Prior to that, Angarone served as the Commander of the 18th District.

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