



# NEWS RELEASE

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### **SUPERINTENDENT JOHNSON ANNOUNCES LEADERSHIP TEAM CHANGES TO SUPPORT CPD'S ONGOING CRIME REDUCTION AND COMMUNITY POLICING EFFORTS**

CHICAGO – Chicago Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson will appoint several new department leaders today in response to expected retirements of command staff members. The appointments will be effective this afternoon and range from Bureau Chief to District and Unit Commanders. Diversity at the department's senior command ranks has reached historic levels in recent years as CPD works to create a workforce that mirrors the demographics of Chicago. Today, more than sixty-percent of bureau chiefs and fifty-percent of deputy chiefs identify as minorities.

"Every new member of our leadership team shares our goal to make CPD better for every Chicagoan as well as the brave officers that work to keep our streets safe," said Superintendent Eddie Johnson. "I am fully confident in their ability to serve with honor, build lasting partnerships with the community, and help us continue to reduce crime throughout the city."

The new appointments were made in response to the planned retirements of Internal Affairs Chief Eddie Welch, Patrol Deputy Chief Larry Watson and 7th District Commander Kenneth Johnson.

#### **CHIEF OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS – KEITH A. CALLOWAY**

To fill the critical role of Chief within the Bureau of Internal Affairs, Deputy Chief Keith Calloway will be appointed as Chief of the Bureau of Internal Affairs. Deputy Chief Calloway has served the Chicago Police Department since 1986, with roles as a Sergeant and Lieutenant within the Bureau of Internal Affairs. Most recently, he oversaw the Chicago Police Training Academy as Deputy Chief. He previously was the Commander of the 7<sup>th</sup> District and held positions in the Detective Division and Organized Crime.

#### **DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE EDUCATION & TRAINING ACADEMY – KEVIN JOHNSON**

Commander Kevin Johnson will serve as Deputy Chief of the Education and Training Academy. Commander Johnson currently leads the 11<sup>th</sup> District and has served the Department since 1991. He was a member of the DEA and Narcotics Task Force. He worked in the 3rd District as a Tactical Lieutenant. He attended the FBI National Academy in 2014 and has a Bachelor's of Science degree from Loyola University.

#### **DEPUTY CHIEF OF AREA SOUTH – ELGIN HOLT**

Commander Elgin Holt will fill the position of Deputy Chief in Area South. Most recently, he holds the position of Executive Officer in Area South. He has over 30 years of service on the Department, with positions in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Districts as a Sergeant and Lieutenant. He also worked as a detective and investigative supervisor in Area South Violent Crimes. Commander Holt is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. He has a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Roosevelt University and attended the Senior Management Institute for Police Leadership through the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF).

### **COMMANDER OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT – RODERICK ROBINSON**

Captain Roderick Robinson has been selected as the next Commander of the 7<sup>th</sup> District. With over 20 years on the Department, he most recently served as a Tactical Lieutenant in the 11<sup>th</sup> District and spearheaded the district's integration with the Strategic Decision Support strategy that is helping to reduce gun violence. He has also held previous supervisory positions in the Bureau of Patrol and previously served in SWAT, Hostage Barricade Team and the Bureau of Organized Crime.

### **COMMANDER OF THE 11<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT – DARRELL SPENCER**

Lieutenant Darrell Spencer joined the Chicago Police Department in 1994. He has served various supervisory roles in the Bureau of Patrol, Bureau of Organized Crime, Narcotics Division, Gang Investigations Division and Intelligence Division. He also previously served in the 11<sup>th</sup> District as a police officer and supervisor. Lieutenant Spencer holds a Bachelor's degree from Calumet College.

### **COMMANDER OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT – JOEL HOWARD**

Lieutenant Joel Howard has been promoted to Commander of the 5<sup>th</sup> District. He has served the Department for over 30 years. He held previous positions within the Bureau of Organized Crime, as part of the DEA, FBI Violent Crimes Task Force, FBI Joint-Terrorism Task Force and the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Task Force. He was also an Intelligence Analyst and has a Master's Degree from Calumet College.

### **EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF AREA SOUTH – VARRICK DOUGLAS, SR.**

Commander Varrick Douglas has been selected as the next Executive Officer of Area South. Most recently he was the Commander of the 5<sup>th</sup> District. Commander Douglas has served CPD for over twenty years, with positions within Organized Crime as part of the ATF, DEA and FBI Joint-Terrorism Task Force. He was also a part of the Gang and Vice Divisions and has a Master's and a Doctorate Degree in Business from Argosy University.

### **DEPUTY DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS- TINA M. SKAHILL**

Director Tina Skahill has been selected as the next Deputy Director of Internal Affairs. Most recently, she held the position of Deputy Director in the Office of the General Counsel. Director Skahill retired from the Department in 2013 after serving in sworn executive positions including; Chief of Internal Affairs, Chief of Special Functions, Chief of the CAPS Project Office and Deputy Chief of Patrol. Director Skahill has a law degree from DePaul University and is an active member of the Illinois State Bar.

### **COMMANDER OF THE FORCE REVIEW UNIT- CRYSTAL KING-SMITH**

Commander Crystal King-Smith has been selected as the next Commander of the Force Review Unit. Most recently, she held positions as Commander in the Bureau of Internal Affairs and the 2<sup>nd</sup> District. She previously served as a Captain in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District, where she spearheaded the suicide prevention program with Bright Star Chicago. She also served as a Lieutenant in the 7<sup>th</sup> District, the Inspections Division and as a Sergeant in the Office of Community Policing. She has a Master's Degree from Calumet College and attended the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety, School of Police Staff and Command.

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