CPD Announces Command Changes and Promotions

Under the new organizational structure, new roles have been created to lead the counter-terrorism bureau, dedicated homicide units and Department reform

Chicago Police Superintendent Charlie Beck announced new leadership changes as part of a transformational overhaul to streamline police department functions and give neighborhood-facing police districts the full complement of patrol and investigative resources. The Department also elevated the function and scope of all constitutional policing and reform efforts under a newly-created Deputy Police Superintendent. As part of this reorganization, Superintendent Beck made the following command appointments and transfers (effective February 16th).

**Deputy Superintendent of Constitutional Policing and Reform - Barbara West**

Chief Barbara West, a 25-year member of the Department, will serve as Deputy Superintendent of Constitutional Policing and Reform. She previously served as Chief of the Bureau of Organizational Development. In her new role as Deputy Superintendent of Constitutional Policing and Reform, she will oversee all functions tied to the consent decree. West becomes the highest-ranking African-American female in the history of the Chicago Police Department. West has also served as Deputy Chief of Patrol and a District Commander of the 11th (Harrison) and 15th (Austin) Districts. She’s worked in the Bureau of Detectives, Internal Affairs and Human Resources.

West is a member of the Executive Board of NOBLE’s Chicago Chapter, the St. Jude Board of Directors, and the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation Assistance Committee. West has a bachelor’s degree from Illinois State University, and an MBA from Saint Xavier University. She is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the Major Cities Chiefs Police Executive Leadership Institute.

**Chief of Counter-terrorism and Special Operations - Eric Carter**

Deputy Chief Eric Carter will serve as Chief of the newly created Bureau of Counter-terrorism and Special Operations. A 27-year veteran of the Chicago Police Department, as well as a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, Carter’s new Bureau will align CPD with national best practices and centralize all targeted homeland security functions and international and domestic criminal enterprises - effectively modernizing the previous Organized Crime Division. The new Bureau will also coordinate intelligence resources to ensure that the City of Chicago is protected from and can respond to a complex coordinated terrorist attack. The Bureau of Counter-terrorism will now have counter-terrorism intelligence resources directly under their authority and will be directly responsible
for the policing and safety of our transportation systems - including the CTA, airports, and critical infrastructure throughout the city.

Previously, Deputy Chief Carter served as the commanding officer of the Special Functions Division, where he was responsible for homeland security functions as well as direction and coordination of all large-scale special events for the City of Chicago. In this capacity, he also served as the city’s emergency response coordinator for the Federal Emergency Management Agency and oversaw CPD’s most high-profile functions including SWAT, Bomb Squad, K-9, Aviation, and Airport & Marine Unit Operations. Prior to that, Carter spent the majority of his career performing various patrol and investigative functions, including sensitive gang and narcotics investigations within the Organized Crime Division. He’s served on both FBI and DEA federal task forces and holds a top-secret national security clearance from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. He has attended the Senior Management Institute for Police at Harvard University, DEA Drug Unit Command School, and the 227th Session of the FBI National Academy. Carter holds a master’s degree in public and nonprofit corporate management from Saint Xavier University.

**Chief of Constitutional Policing and Reform - James O'Donnell**
Deputy Chief James O'Donnell, a 33-year member of the Department, will serve as Chief of Constitutional Policing and Reform, where he will support Deputy Superintendent Barbara West in managing a wide range of reforms as part of the consent decree, including community policing, training, use of force, manpower and supervision, and the related issues of transparency and accountability. O'Donnell previously served as a Street Operations Deputy, as well as the Commander of the 8th (Chicago Lawn) District and 16th (Jefferson Park) District. O'Donnell has a bachelor’s degree in law enforcement management from Calumet College, and attended the FBI National Academy.

**Chief of Detectives - Brendan Deenihan**
Deputy Chief Brendan Deenihan, a 22-year member of the Department, will serve as Chief of Detectives. Deenihan previously served as a Deputy Chief in the Detective Division. He also served the Department as Commander of Area Central Detectives, Commander of Internal Affairs and as a Homicide Lieutenant in Area South. Deenihan has a bachelor’s degree from the University of Illinois, where he studied communications. He also has an MBA from Saint Xavier University. He also attended Boston University's Senior Management Institute for Police, which is hosted by the Police Executive Research Forum.

**Deputy Chief of Reform Management Group - Christina Anderson**
Director Christina Anderson will serve as Deputy Chief of the Reform Management Group, overseeing the Department’s project management of consent decree compliance, reform and strategic plan initiatives. Prior to joining the Chicago Police Department, Anderson served as an associate principal with the Civic Consulting Alliance, where she designed and implemented a project management office on 32 projects spanning the five focus areas of community policing, training, supervision, use of force and accountability. Anderson holds an MBA from the University of Chicago, and earned her bachelor’s degree in political science and history from the University of Michigan.

**Deputy Chief of Detectives - Migdalia Bulnes**
Commander Migdalia Bulnes, a 21-year member of the Department, will serve as Deputy Chief of Detectives. Bulnes previously served as Commander of the 4th (South Chicago) District. She’s also worked as a detective in Area Central, as well as a Tactical Lieutenant and Watch Lieutenant in the 4th District. Bulnes has a master’s degree in public administration from Lewis University, and graduated from Northwestern University’s Center for Public Safety.

**Deputy Chief of Training and Support Division - Daniel Godsel**
Commander Daniel Godsel, a 28-year member of the Department, will serve as Deputy Chief of the Training and Support Division. He previously served as Commander and Executive Officer of the Office of Reform Management. Prior to that, he served as Commander of Training and Support. Additionally, he served as Commander of the 9th (Deering) and 22nd (Morgan Park) Districts. In his time at CPD, he has primarily served in the Bureau of Patrol and Training Division. Godsel holds a master's degree in public safety administration from Lewis University, and a bachelor of fine arts degree from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

**Deputy Chief of the Office of Community Policing Group - Kevin Johnson**
Deputy Chief Kevin Johnson, a 29-year member of the Department, has been appointed as the Deputy Chief of the Office of Community Policing Group. He was previously the Deputy Chief of the Education and Training Academy. He has also served as the District Commander in the 5th (Calumet) District and 11th (Harrison) District. He also worked as a Tactical Lieutenant in the 3rd (Grand Crossing) District and was a member of the DEA and Narcotics Task Force. He attended the FBI National Academy in 2014 and holds a bachelor's degree from Loyola University Chicago.

**Deputy Chief of Counter-terrorism - Christopher Kennedy**
Deputy Chief Christopher Kennedy, a 27-year member of the Department, will serve as Deputy Chief of Counterterrorism. He was previously Street Deputy. Prior to that, he served as Commander of the Gang Investigations Division and Commander of the 1st (Central) District. He has extensive knowledge in counter-terrorism efforts from training he received through the FBI and also from the Leadership in Counter-terrorism Program, which has prepared him for his new role. He is also a board member of the FBI Chicago Joint Terrorism Task Force Executive Board. He holds a master of public administration degree from the Illinois Institute of Technology, and a bachelor's degree from Northern Illinois University.

**Deputy Chief of Area 5 - Roberto Nieves**
Commander Roberto Nieves, a 24-year member of the Department, will serve as Deputy Chief of Area 5. He previously served as Commander of the Gang Investigation Division. He has also served as the Commander of the 24th (Rogers Park) District, and served as executive officer of the 12th (Near West) District. He spent his career in the Bureau of Patrol, where he specialized in street operations and developed comprehensive community engagement strategies to effectively partner and serve Chicago’s many neighborhoods. He also holds a high-level federal security clearance, having overseen the Department’s federal task forces as Commander of Intelligence and Gang Investigations. He holds a bachelor's degree from Calumet College.

**Deputy Chief of Area 3 - Daniel F. O’Shea**
Commander Daniel F. O’Shea, a 22-year member of the Department, will serve as Deputy Chief of Area 3. O’Shea previously served as Commander of the 18th (Near North) District. He’s also worked
in the Organized Crime Division as a Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain. O’Shea has a master’s degree in Police Psychology from Adler University and an undergraduate degree in criminal justice from Lewis University. He’s a graduate of the FBI National Academy and is a member of the Chicago Police Department’s Emerald Society.

Deputy Chief of the Office of Operations – Randall Darlin
Commander Randall Darlin, a 26-year member of the Department, will serve as Deputy Chief and Executive Officer of the Office of Operations. Darlin most recently served as Commander in the role of Executive Officer of Area Central. He also served as Commander of the 9th (Deering) District, and as Executive Officer of the 7th (Englewood) District. He served as a senior ranking officer in gang enforcement under the Organized Crime Division. He completed his law degree from the John Marshall Law School in December 2019.

Commander/Executive Officer of Area 1 - Dion Boyd
Commander Dion Boyd, a 29-year member of the Department, will serve as Commander/Executive Officer of Area 1. Boyd previously served as Commander of the 2nd (Wentworth) District. He’s also has worked as a Field Lieutenant in the 5th (Calumet) District, as a Sergeant in Internal Affairs and in Area Central’s Special Victims Unit. Boyd has a master’s degree in business administration from Saint Xavier University. He’s also attended Boston University’s Senior Management Institute for Police, which is hosted by the Police Executive Research Forum.

Commander/Executive Officer of Area 3 - Michael Pigott
Commander Michael Pigott, a 28-year member of the Department, previously served as the 1st (Central) District Commander. Previously, he served as a Captain in the 1st District. He spent the majority of his career in the Bureau of Patrol, and also in CPD’s Training Academy in charge of new recruit training. He has a bachelor’s degree from Calumet College. He also graduated from the FBI National Academy in 2012.

Commander/Executive Officer of Area 4 - Roderick Robinson
Commander Roderick Robinson, a 27-year member of the Department, will be appointed to Executive Officer of Area 4. He most recently served as the Commander of the 7th (Englewood) District. He previously held positions in the 6th (Gresham) District and 11th (Harrison) District, as well as SWAT, HBT and Organized Crime. Commander Robinson has a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Saint Xavier University, and attended the FBI National Academy in 2019.

Commander/Executive Officer of Area 5 - Fabian Saldana
Commander Fabian Saldana, a 26-year member of the Department, will serve as the Executive Officer of Area 5. He previously served as the Executive Officer for Area North - Bureau of Patrol. He has also served as the Commander of the 14th (Shakespeare) District, and as a Captain in the 11th (Harrison) District, and a Tactical Lieutenant in the 15th (Austin) District. He previously worked in the Education and Training Division, where he supervised the instruction of police cadets. He has also served as an administrator for CPD’s Human Resources Division, specializing in psychological services. He holds an MBA with a focus in training and performance from Saint Xavier University.

Commander of Area 1 Detectives - Thomas Mills
Commander Thomas Mills, a 30-year member of the Department, previously served as the Executive Officer of the 11th (Harrison) District. Prior to this, he was a Captain in the 3rd (Grand Crossing) District. He also served time in Internal Affairs, the Gang Investigation Division, the Narcotics Section and the Area 5 Detective Division. He was also a Sergeant for the Great Lakes Regional Task Force and was deputized as a federal marshal. He has served on task forces with the DEA and U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Mills holds a bachelor’s degree from Calumet College. He also graduated from PERF’s Senior Management Institute for Police.
Commander of Area 2 Detectives - Joel Howard
Commander Howard, a 33-year member of the Department, previously served as Commander of the 5th (Calumet) District. He also spent time as a Detective in Area 2, which is now the same Area he will command. He held previous positions within the Bureau of Organized Crime, as part of the DEA, FBI and HIDTA Violent Crimes Task Force. He was also an Intelligence Analyst with the Department of Homeland Security. He holds a master’s degree from Calumet College.

Commander of Area 4 Detectives - Richard Wiser
Commander Richard Wiser, a 29-year member of the Department, will serve as Commander of Area 4 Detectives. Wiser previously served as the Commander of the 22nd (Morgan Park) District, as well as a Lieutenant with the Investigative Response Team. He has held positions in the 2nd (Wentworth) District, 5th (Calumet) District, 7th (Englewood) District, 12th (Near West) District, and 18th (Near North) District. Wiser holds a master’s degree in public safety administration from Calumet College and a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from Lewis University. He also graduated from PERF’s Senior Management Institute for Police.

Commander of Area 5 Detectives - Eric Winstrom
Captain Eric Winstrom, a 19-year member of the Department, will serve as Commander of Area 5 Detectives. He most recently served as the Executive Officer of the 9th (Deering) District. He served as a Lieutenant in the 18th (Near North) District, the Office of Reform and Management and the Office of Research and Development. As a Sergeant, he served in the 25th (Grand Central) District, Special Investigations Unit and Area Central. He holds a law degree from Brooklyn School Law School, and a bachelor’s degree from Rutgers College in Administration of Justice.

Commander of 1st (Central) District - Jake M. Alderden
Captain Jake M. Alderden, an 18-year member of the Department, will serve as the Commander of the 1st (Central) District. Alderden previously served as Captain of the 1st District. He’s also worked as a Tactical and Field Lieutenant in the 1st District, as well as the Watch Operations Lieutenant in the 2nd (Wentworth) District. Alderden has a bachelor’s degree in business from Calvin University.

Commander of 2nd (Wentworth) District - Joshua Wallace
Lieutenant Joshua Wallace, a 20-year member of the Department, previously served as a Tactical Lieutenant in the 2nd (Wentworth) District, the same District he will command. Prior to that, he spent time in many areas of the Department, including time as a Lieutenant in the 4th (South Chicago) District, a Sergeant in the 6th (Gresham) District and in the Narcotics Section. He also served in the Summer Mobile Patrol Unit. He joined the Department in 1999 and holds a bachelor’s degree from Calumet College in law enforcement management. He also graduated from the Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command.
Commander of 4th (South Chicago) District - Felipe D. Garcia
Commander Felipe D. Garcia, a 16-year member of the Department, will serve as the Commander of the 4th (South Chicago) District. Garcia previously served as a Commander, working as the Department's liaison to the Office of Emergency Management and Communications. He's also worked on both Saturation and Gun Teams in Area 2, and served as the Commander of the Mayor's Security Detail. He attended the University of Illinois at Chicago. He's a lifelong resident of the 4th (South Chicago) District.

Commander of 5th (Calumet) District - Glenn White
Captain Glenn White, a 28-year member of the Department, will serve as Commander of the 5th (Calumet) District. White previously served as a Captain in the 15th (Austin) District. He's also served as the Commanding Officer of Midway Airport, as a Lieutenant in the 6th (Gresham) District and as a Sergeant in Internal Affairs. White has a master's degree in criminal justice from Lewis University, and graduated from Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety.

Commander of 7th District (Englewood) - Larry Snelling
Lieutenant Larry Snelling, a 28-year member of the Department, previously served as the Watch Operations Lieutenant in the 7th (Englewood) District, the district he will command. Prior to that, Snelling spent time as a Sergeant in the physical skills section and also the Operations Section Sergeant for recruit training at the Police Academy. He also previously was a Sergeant in the 22nd (Morgan Park) District. He redesigned the Department's current force training model around national best practices and constitutional policing, and has testified as an expert in federal use of force cases. Additionally, Snelling was a lead trainer for field force training for 2012 Chicago NATO Summit. He joined the Department in 1992, and holds a bachelor's degree in adult education from DePaul University.

Commander of 10th (Ogden) District - Gilberto Calderon
Captain Gilberto Calderon, a 26-year member of the Department, will serve as Commander of the 10th (Ogden) District. Calderon most recently served as the Executive Officer of the 11th (Harrison) District, and has previously held positions with the Bureau of Organized Crime and the DEA Task Force. Calderon has an MBA from Saint Xavier University, and successfully completed the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command Executive Management Program.

Commander Investigative Response Team - Kevin Bruno
Lieutenant Kevin Bruno, a 20-year member of the Department, previously served as a Lieutenant for the Investigative Response Team, which investigates all police-involved shootings. Prior to his time at IRT, he was a Watch Operations Lieutenant in the 11th (Harrison) District, a cold case Sergeant in the Area North Detective Division, and a Homicide Division Sergeant with the Area North Detectives. He was also a Sergeant in the 7th (Englewood) District and a violence crimes Detective in Area 5. He holds a Juris Doctor from Loyola University Chicago, and a bachelor's degree in political science from DePaul University. He also teaches undergraduate investigative management at Loyola University Chicago as an adjunct professor.

Commander of Counter-terrorism and Special Operations - Duane M. DeVries
Lieutenant Duane M. DeVries, a 25-year member of the Department, will serve as Commander of the newly created Bureau of Counter-terrorism and Special Operations. DeVries previously served as a Commanding Officer in the Intelligence Section. DeVries has worked in the Intelligence Section for nine years, and as a Watch Operations and Field Lieutenant in the 6th (Gresham) District. DeVries has a bachelor's degree in political administration and criminal enterprise from Governors State University. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the U.S. Secret Service Dignitary Protection Training Program.
Commander of the Force Review Division - Eve Gushes
Captain Eve Gushes, a 30-year member of the Department, will serve as Commander of the Force Review Division. Gushes previously served as Captain within the Force Review Unit. She’s also worked as a Watch Operations Lieutenant in the 7th (Englewood) District, as a Commanding Officer in the licensing unit of the Organized Crime Division, as a Watch Commander in the 2nd (Wentworth) District, as a Lieutenant in the Area 4 Detective Division, and as a Sergeant in the Education and Training Division. She has doctorate and graduate degrees in training from Loyola University Chicago, and works as an adjunct professor at a number of area colleges teaching criminal justice.

Commander of 18th (Near North) District- Jill M. Stevens
Captain Jill Stevens, a 17-year member of the Department, will serve as Commander of the 18th (Near North) District. Stevens most recently served as the Executive Officer of the 18th (Near North) District. She previously held positions as a Lieutenant in 24th (Rogers Park) District and the 10th (Ogden) District, and as the Commanding Officer in Special Events Section. She has a bachelor’s degree in English and sociology from Northern Illinois University, and attended the Northwestern University School of Command.

Commander of the 22nd (Morgan Park) District - Sean Joyce
Captain Sean Joyce, a 25-year member of the Department, will serve as Commander of the 22nd (Morgan Park) District, where he most recently served as the Executive Officer. He previously served as a Captain in the Office of Legal Affairs and the 4th (South Chicago) District. He also served as a Lieutenant in the 5th (Calumet) District and the Office of Management and Labor Affairs, and as the Commanding Officer in SWAT. Joyce holds a law degree from Loyola University Chicago, a master’s degree in criminal justice from the University of Oklahoma, and a bachelor’s degree in accounting from DePaul University. He attended the FBI National Academy.

Commander of Gang Investigations – James R. Sanchez
Commander James Sanchez, a 35-year member of the Department, as well as a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, will serve as the Commander of Gang Investigations. Sanchez most recently served as the Commander of the 10th (Ogden) District. He has previously worked as a Lieutenant and a Sergeant in the Bureau of Organized Crime in Gang Investigations, which he will command. He’s also worked in the Detective Division as a Sergeant and Detective. Sanchez has a bachelor’s degree in law enforcement management from Calumet College.

Commander of Crisis Intervention Training - Antoinette Ursitti
Lieutenant Antoinette Ursitti, a 19-year member of the Department, will serve as Commander of Crisis Intervention Training. Ursitti most recently served as the CIT Program Coordinator. She served as a Lieutenant in the 12th (Near West) District, and in the Education and Training Division. She holds a
doctorate of Education in Ethical Leadership from Olivet Nazarene University, a master’s degree in human services and counseling from National Louis University, and a bachelor’s degree in communications from Loyola University Chicago. She is licensed in the State of Illinois as a professional counselor.

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