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CPD ANNOUNCES COMMAND STAFF PROMOTIONS

New Commanders Appointed To Community Safety Team, Education and Training Division

CHICAGO— Chicago Police Department Superintendent David O. Brown today announced two new command staff promotions, effective today.

"The promotion of these two leaders will strengthen our crimefighting efforts on the ground, as well as strengthening our training division, which equips officers with the tools they need to serve and protect the residents of this city," said Superintendent David O. Brown. "I have the utmost confidence in our two newest commanders as they work to bolster safety and community trust across Chicago."

Commander of Community Safety Team (CST) West – Melinda M. Linas

Melinda Linas, a 21-year member of the Department, will serve as commander of the Community Safety Team (CST) West, where she most recently served as a lieutenant. Commander Linas previously served as a watch operations lieutenant in the 025th (Grand Central) District. Linas also served as a sergeant in the Bureau of Organizational Development, Research and Development, Freedom of Information Act Section, Bureau of Organized Crime in the Vice Section and in the 015th (Austin) District. Additionally, Linas served for more than five years in the US Armed Forces, achieving the rank of lieutenant with the Illinois Army Reserve. Linas holds a law degree from the John Marshall Law School and is an active member of the Illinois Bar Association.

Commander of the Education and Training Division – Christi Ford

Christi Ford, a 21-year member of the Department, will serve as commander of the Education and Training Division. Commander Ford previously served as the commanding officer of the Medical Section. She has also served as a lieutenant for Summer Mobile Patrol and as a watch operations lieutenant in the 022nd (Morgan Park) District. As a sergeant, Ford served in the Community Alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS) office in the 002nd (Wentworth) District and in the former 21st (Prairie) District. She also served as a patrol and gang sergeant in the 003rd (Grand Crossing) District. She holds a bachelor's degree from Chicago State University and has a master's degree in public safety from Calumet College of St. Joseph. Ford graduated from the FBI National Academy's 276th Session.

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