



CITY OF CLEVELAND
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Mayor Jackson Swears-In Three Police Commanders

Three Officers Promoted to the Rank of Commander

CLEVELAND – Today, Mayor Frank G. Jackson administered the oath of office to three supervisors within the Cleveland Division of Police, promoting them to the rank of Commander. The promotions of Lieutenant Brian Carney, Captain Reinhold Kauntz and Lieutenant Michael Connelly take effect immediately.

“Of all the promotions I have performed, the experience of this particular group is vast,” said Mayor Frank G. Jackson. “Their promotions today speak to the leadership each has demonstrated and indicate the trust and confidence both peers and leaders alike place in them to accomplish the task ahead.”

“The officers promoted today to the rank of Commander of Police exhibit the leadership qualities necessary to effectively manage at this level,” said Police Chief Calvin D. Williams. “I am confident in the abilities of these new commanders and I am proud to work with them as we continue to make the Cleveland Division of Police one of the top law enforcement agencies in the country.”

Commander Brian Carney will oversee the Bureau of Compliance.

This will include the Inspections Unit, the Policy Unit and the Case Preparation Unit. Carney is a 17 year veteran of the Division of Police. His most recent assignment was within the Chief’s Staff as the Case Preparation Officer. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2008 and to Lieutenant in 2015. He holds a Bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice and was recently selected to attend the FBI National Academy.

Commander Reinhold Kauntz will oversee the Bureau of Homeland Services.

This will include the Domestic Preparedness Section, the Intelligence Section, the Northeast Ohio Regional Fusion Center, as well as the Ports Section. Kauntz is a 24 year veteran of the Division of Police. In his most recent assignment, he served as the Executive Officer of the Bureau of Homeland Services. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2001, Lieutenant in 2008 and Captain in 2012. He is also a veteran of the United States Army Reserve and a Bronze Star recipient.

Commander Michael Connelly will oversee the Bureau of Special Investigations.

This will include the Investigative Section: Homicide, Accident Investigation and Financial Crimes, as well as the Technical Section, the Special Victims Section and the Administrative Section. Connelly is a 28 year veteran of the Division of Police. In his most

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recent assignment, he served as the Co-commander of the Northern Ohio Law Enforcement Task Force and Supervisor of the Division's Crisis Negotiation Team. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2000 and to Lieutenant in 2002. He studied Criminal Justice at the University of Akron, graduated from the FBI National Academy and served in the Ohio Army National Guard.

Read their full bios and view photos and [video](#) from today's ceremony [here](#).

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