



CITY OF CLEVELAND
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Mayor Jackson Promotes 24 Cleveland Police Officers

Officers Promoted on Dec. 19 and Dec. 26 to the Ranks of Captain, Sergeant

CLEVELAND –Mayor Frank G. Jackson administered the oath of office to 24 members of the Cleveland Division of Police on Dec. 19 and Dec. 26, promoting them in rank. Two members were promoted from the rank of lieutenant to the rank of captain. Twenty-two members were promoted from patrol officer to sergeant. Mayor Jackson administered the oath to 22 officers on Dec. 19 and two officers on Dec. 26. The Dec. 26 promotees were unable to attend the Dec. 19 ceremony. View the bios of all 24 officers here: <https://bit.ly/2SrVbzL>

Those promoted participated in a Civil Service examination administered in April of 2018. The supervisors will attend supervisory training within the Cleveland Police Training Section in the coming weeks. The supervisors will then be assigned to the Patrol Section within the five neighborhood police districts, or to specialized units within the Division of Police.

The role of Captain:

- Captains of Police are distinguished by two gold bars on each shoulder.
- Captains serve in an executive capacity and work closely with the leaders of Districts or Bureaus, and often provide relief for commanding officers during their absence.
- Captains must be well versed in applicable federal laws, state statutes and municipal ordinances, as well as possess an acute knowledge of the written directives of the Division of Police.
- Captains are expected to provide the leadership needed for accomplishing the goals and the mission of the Division.

The role of Sergeant:

- Sergeants are identified by three stripes on each sleeve; sergeants are considered superior officers and must conduct themselves in a manner that earns respect from those they command as well as the public.
- Sergeants take on a tremendous responsibility for the Cleveland Division of Police, as it is the sergeant who plans, supervises, and reviews the work of our officers to ensure superior services to our citizens are delivered.
- Sergeants interpret, convey and ensure implementation of the Division's policies and directives coming from the Chief of Police. Sergeants will respond to critical incidents, and must be able to make quick and sound decisions.

- Sergeants must effectively communicate instructions to others while assuming the role of incident commander often during the most volatile stages of an incident.

The following officers were promoted:

- Promoted to Captain on Dec. 26 was **Robert Tucker**
- Promoted to Sergeant on Dec. 26 was **Belal Ilain**
- Promoted to Captain on Dec. 19 was **Matthew Gallagher**
- Promoted to Sergeant on Dec. 19 were:

○ Jose Garcia	Sergeant	#9227
○ Christopher Mobley	Sergeant	#9228
○ Jacquelyn Bennett	Sergeant	#9229
○ Michael Harper	Sergeant	#9230
○ Kenneth Koney	Sergeant	#9231
○ Michael Chapman	Sergeant	#9232
○ Eric Newton	Sergeant	#9233
○ Kevin Walker	Sergeant	#9234
○ Christopher Hoover	Sergeant	#9235
○ Kenneth Ryan	Sergeant	#9236
○ Vincent Schneider	Sergeant	#9237
○ Barry Bentley	Sergeant	#9238
○ Ian Mussell	Sergeant	#9240
○ Jennifer Hernandez	Sergeant	#9241
○ Brian Middaugh	Sergeant	#9242
○ Thomas Barry	Sergeant	#9243
○ Saladin Sudberry	Sergeant	#9244
○ Justin Cajka	Sergeant	#9245
○ Higinio Rivera	Sergeant	#9246
○ Reginald Lanton	Sergeant	#9247
○ Ian Lower	Sergeant	#9248

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