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### **Bayonne Holds Swearing-In Ceremony for New Police Officers**

On Wednesday, March 22, the Bayonne Police Department held a swearing-in ceremony for eleven new police officers. The new officers are: Adam Krzeminski, Sean Nally, Mark Johnson, Marcin Chojnowski, Christopher Bergalowski, Ernesto Naveed, Matthew Francis, Adam Podwysocki, Brendan Carr, Adam Losonczy, and Robert Borawski.

Speaking at the event, Mayor Jimmy Davis, a retired police captain, addressed the families of the new officers. He said, "I understand what you're going to go through over the next twenty-five to thirty years," because police officers often miss family events. Mayor Davis explained that the new officers will be "running towards problems, not away from them." He called the Bayonne Police Department "one of the best police departments in the world." He described the position of police officer as "a job of passion." Mayor Davis added, "It has to be in your heart to want to do this." Advising the new officers, he urged them to "listen to your fellow officers and supervisors."

Lieutenant Franco Amato read out brief biographies of the new officers.

Police Officer Adam Krzeminski is a graduate of Bayonne High School. He is a former Hudson County Sheriff's Officer.

Police Officer Sean Nally is a graduate of Hudson Catholic Regional High School. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice at St. John's University.

Police Officer Mark Johnson is a graduate of Bayonne High School. He continued his education at Eastern Arizona College, where he received an Associate's degree in General Studies.

Police Officer Marcin Chojnowski is a graduate of Bayonne High School.

Police Officer Christopher Bergalowski is a graduate of Bayonne High School. At New Jersey City University, he received a Bachelor of Science degree in National Security Studies. He is a former Hudson County Sheriff's Officer.

Police Officer Ernesto Naveed is a graduate of Bayonne High School. He is continuing his education at Montclair State University where he is pursuing a degree in Exercise Science.

Police Officer Matthew Francis is a graduate of St. Mary's High School. He continued his education at Hudson County Community College, where he received an Associate's degree in Liberal Arts.

Police Officer Brendan Carr is a graduate of Bayonne High School. He continued his education at Hudson County Community College where he pursued a degree in Criminal Justice.

Police Officer Adam Losonczy is a graduate of Bayonne High School. He earned an Associate's degree in Computer Science at Hudson County Community College. He is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Cyber Security at New Jersey City University.

Police Officer Robert Borawski is a graduate of Bayonne High School. He continued his education at both Essex County Community College, where he received an Associate's degree, and Rutgers University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology.

Public Safety Director Robert Kubert wished all of the new officers “a long happy, healthy, and enjoyable career.” Director Kubert said that both the Bayonne Police and Fire Departments are “very service-oriented,” and that officers respond to many calls that look nothing like what they have seen on television.

Police Chief Robert Geisler told the new officers that their training is not over and would continue. He called police work “the best job in the world” that will provide them with “a front row seat to life.” Chief Geisler advised the officers that they will be “held to a higher standard,” and that they should “treat other people as you want to be treated.”

Council Member At-Large Loyad Booker, a retired Bayonne police officer, called policing “the best job I’ve ever had in my life.” He said that, by joining the Bayonne Police Department, the new officers “are joining a bigger family.” As a former officer, he said that he was “available to help.”

Council Member At-Large Juan Perez, a retired state trooper, told the new officers’ families that they should be “proud to have a law enforcement person in your family.” He advised the new officers “to get down in those books” to study for the promotional exams in their futures.

At the ceremony, Rev. Dorothy Patterson offered the invocation and the benediction. City Clerk Madelene Medina administered the oaths of office. The Bayonne Police Department Honor Guard and the Bayonne Police Pipes and Drums led the entrance procession. The Pipes and Drums played Irish and Scottish tunes. They also offered a rendition of *Amazing Grace*.