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## **Bayonne Holds Promotion Ceremony for Six Police Officers**

On Thursday, February 10, the Bayonne Police Department held a ceremony for the promotion of six police officers to their new ranks. The officers with their new ranks are Lieutenant David J. Conte, Lieutenant Michael T. Zajac, Sergeant Matthew Target III, Sergeant Julian Lewis, Sergeant William Dundas V, and Sergeant Antonio Spano. The promotions are the result of competitive examinations administered by the State of New Jersey's Civil Service Commission.

Speaking at the ceremony, Mayor Jimmy Davis congratulated the promoted officers on their "long journey" to their new ranks. He said to the new sergeants that it was now their turn to teach those officers who are on patrol. Mayor Davis thanked the police families for their support and for allowing their loved ones to protect Bayonne. He added, "It is our job to give them the tools they need to return safely to their families."

City Council President Sharon Ashe-Nadrowski said it was "a proud day for the City of Bayonne and the Bayonne Police Department." She thanked the new lieutenants and sergeants for their "dedication, hard work, and sacrifices for the citizens of Bayonne." She wished them all "a successful career."

Public Safety Director Robert Kubert said that the newly promoted officers "have proven themselves academically" and have "performed their duties admirably." He thanked Mayor Davis and the City Council for their support of public safety.

Police Chief Robert Geisler said, "This is a group of well-rounded professionals that I have had the good fortune of working with over the years." Chief Geisler continued, "I have seen firsthand just how dedicated and committed each of these individuals are to the safety and security of our community." He concluded with words of thanks for the entire Police Department's work during the Coronavirus: "During the pandemic, when so many had the ability to work remotely, these men and women continued to work to keep our community safe, while knowing that they were possibly placing themselves and their families in harm's way. As the Chief of Police and as a resident of this city, I am grateful for all of their hard work."

Lieutenant Conte was appointed to the Bayonne Police Department on January 13, 1994. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on February 6, 2015. During his tenure with the Police Department, he has been assigned to the Patrol Division, the Cops in School Unit, and the Traffic Division, where he is assigned currently. He is a graduate of Hanover Park High School. After graduation, he spent three years in the Coast Guard Reserves and then continued serve four years on active duty with the Coast Guard. Lieutenant Conte is the recipient of one Excellent Police Service Award, one Meritorious Police Service Award, and one Commendation.

Lieutenant Zajac was appointed to the Bayonne Police Department on May 26, 1998. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on February 6, 2015. He is a graduate of Bayonne High School, and continued his education at Middlesex County College and New Jersey City University, where he pursued a degree in Criminal Justice. During his tenure with the Bayonne Police Department, he has served in the Patrol Division, the Narcotics Unit, the Community Oriented Policing Unit, and the Traffic Division, where he is currently assigned. Lieutenant Zajac is the recipient of ten Excellent Police Service Awards, three Meritorious Police Service Awards, and one Commendation.

Sergeant Tarbett was appointed to the Bayonne Police Department on July 27, 2012. He is a graduate of Bayonne High School, and continued his education at New Jersey City University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. During his tenure with the department, Sergeant Tarbett has been assigned to the Patrol Division, the Street Crimes Unit, and the Detective Bureau, where his is assigned currently. He is the recipient of four Excellent Police Service Awards, and was named twice Officer of the Year in 2013 and 2014.

Sergeant Julian Lewis was appointed to the Bayonne Police Department on July 12, 1999. He is a graduate of Bayonne High School. During his tenure with the Police Department, Sergeant Lewis has been assigned to the Cops in School Unit, the Community Oriented Policing Unit, the Narcotics Unit, and the Patrol Division, where he is assigned currently. He is the recipient of the New Jersey State Valor Award, four Excellent Police Service Awards, and two Commendations.

Sergeant William Dundas V was appointed to the Bayonne Police Department on July 27, 2012. A graduate of St. Peter's Prep, he continued his education at New Jersey City University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. During his tenure with the Bayonne Police Department, he has been assigned to the Patrol Division, the Narcotics Unit, and the Detective Bureau, where he is assigned currently. He is the recipient of three Excellent Police Service Awards, and was the Bayonne Police Emerald Society Officer of the Year.

Sergeant Antonio Spano was appointed to the Bayonne Police Department on July 27, 2012. A graduate of Bayonne High School, he continued his education at New Jersey City University. Before joining the Bayonne Police Department, he served as a Hudson County Sheriff's Officer from 2008 to 2012. During his tenure with the Bayonne Police Department, he has been assigned to the Community Oriented Policing Unit and the Patrol Division, where he is assigned currently. Sergeant Spano is the recipient of four Excellent Police Service Awards, and one Commendation. He was Officer of the Year in both 2014 and 2020.

At the ceremony, Rev. Dorothy A. Patterson of the Wallace Temple A.M.E. Zion Church said the invocation and the benediction. The Bayonne Police Pipes and Drums led the processional and provided the music.