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## **Bayonne Police Department Announces Promotions**

The Bayonne Police Department announced that five officers have assumed higher ranks this month. Andrew Quinn has been promoted from Captain to Deputy Chief. Joseph Torello and William Dundas have been promoted from Sergeants to Lieutenants. Jason Olmo and Edward Cook, Jr. have been promoted from Police Officers to Sergeants. The promotions resulted from competitive civil service examinations.

At a ceremony in the City Council Chambers on July 9, Mayor Jimmy Davis congratulated the promoted officers and thanked their families for the “six-to-nine months” that they spent watching the officers study for their civil service examinations. Public Safety Director Robert Kubert called it “a well-earned and joyous occasion.” He referred to the promoted officers as “dedicated personnel” who “are very good at what they do.” Police Chief Robert Geisler thanked Mayor Davis and the City Council for supporting the department. Chief Geisler said that the promoted officers are all “well-rounded professionals.” He asked them to pass along their knowledge to the officers they supervise.

Chief Geisler said that the Bayonne Police Department provides “the highest level of service.”

Deputy Chief Andrew Quinn was appointed to the Bayonne Police Department in 1999. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2015, the rank of Lieutenant in 2020, and the rank of Captain in 2023. A graduate of Carteret High School, he continued his education at New Jersey City University (NJCU). During his time with the department, he has been assigned to the Patrol Division, Auto Theft Task Force, Special Investigative Unit, the Detective Bureau, and, most recently, as the Commander of the Internal Affairs Unit. He is the recipient of six Excellent Police Service Awards, four Commendations, four Unit Citations, and four Meritorious Police Service Awards. Additionally, in 2002, Deputy Chief Quinn was honored by the Knights of Columbus as Police Officer of the Year.

Lieutenant Joseph Torello was appointed to the Bayonne Police Department in 2015 and is a current resident of Bayonne. He earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice from NJCU and attended graduate school at Seton Hall University. Before becoming a Bayonne Police Officer, Lieutenant Torello was a State Corrections Officer as well as a Guttenberg Police Officer, where he was awarded Officer of the Year and received a Valor Award in 2011, for performing water rescues in the Hudson River during Hurricane Sandy. In Bayonne, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2023. Lieutenant Torello has been assigned to the Patrol Division, Detective Bureau, Narcotics Unit, Hudson County Regional Swat Team as a Team Leader, and is currently assigned to the Internal Affairs Unit. He is also a member of Bayonne’s Firearms and Tactics Unit and is an instructor at the police academy, where he teaches police recruits how to manage high-risk incidents. Lieutenant Torello is the recipient of three Valor Awards, two

Commendations, twelve Excellent Police Service Awards, eight Meritorious Police Service Awards, and was named the Bayonne Police Department Officer of the year in 2019.

Lieutenant William Dundas was appointed to the Bayonne Police Department in 2012. He is a graduate from St. Peter's Prep and continued his studies at LaSalle University and NJCU where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice.

Lieutenant Dundas has been assigned to the Patrol Division, Detective Bureau, Narcotics Unit and Special Investigations Unit, where he utilized his extensive training and experience in mobile device forensics and analytics. He previously served with the New Jersey State police Internet Crimes against Children Task Force and contributed to the apprehension of 19 child sex predators in a single weekend. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2022. Lieutenant Dundas is the recipient of two Commendations, one Excellent Police Service Award, one Model Police Service Award, and was named the Bayonne Police Emerald Society Police Officer of the Year in 2013.

Sergeant Jason Olmo was appointed to the Bayonne Police Department in 2015. He is a graduate of Bayonne High School and a Bayonne resident for over 32 years. Before becoming a Bayonne Police Officer, Sergeant Olmo was a Hudson County Sheriffs Officer for nine years and served six of those years on the Hudson County Swat Team.

While working for Bayonne, he served in the Patrol Division, Detective Bureau and Juvenile Aid Bureau – and is the recipient of three Excellent Police Service Awards and numerous letters of appreciation. He also served on the PBA Executive Board as President of the Union.

Sergeant Edward Cook was appointed to the Bayonne Police Department in 2018, and is a current resident of Bayonne. He is a graduate of North Bergen High School and continued his education at Bloomfield College with a focus on Sociology.

Sergeant Cook began his law enforcement career with the Baltimore Police Department in 2012, and then transferred to the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office and Hudson County Sheriff's Office, before becoming a Bayonne Police Officer.

Sergeant Cook has served in the Patrol Division, firearms and Tactics Unit and is currently the Deputy Commander and Training Coordinator of the Hudson County Regional Swat Team. He is the recipient of one Excellent Police Service Award, one Unit Citation and several letters of appreciation.

At the ceremony on July 9, the Police Honor Guard led the procession. Pipe major Bill Petersen provided the music. Rev. John Fencik of St. Mary's Orthodox Church offered the invocation. Rev. Dorothy Patterson of Wallace Temple A.M.E. Zion Church offered the benediction.