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SUFFOLK POLICE OFFICER PROMOTIONAL CEREMONY

SUFFOLK, VA (August 12, 2015) The City of Suffolk Police Department held a promotional ceremony on Tuesday, August 11th in City Council Chamber located in Suffolk City Hall. The seven Suffolk Police Officer promotions are as follows:

Promoted to Captain: Lieutenant Adam Smith

Captain Adam Smith joined the Suffolk Police Department in October of 2004. Captain Smith served the department in Uniform Patrol as a member of the Neighborhood Enforcement Team and as an Investigator in the Special Investigations Unit. In April 2013, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and assigned to Uniform Patrol. In November 2010, Smith was transferred back to the Neighborhood Enforcement Team as a supervisor. In August 2013, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and returned to Uniform Patrol. He has served as an Operator, Team Leader, and Operational Commander of the department's SWAT team.

Captain Smith currently holds a Bachelor's Degree from Western Maryland College. He is married to Brandi Smith and they have two children.

Promoted to Lieutenant: Sergeant Cassandra Garvin

Lieutenant Cassandra Garvin joined the Suffolk Police Department in February of 2007. Lieutenant Garvin has served the department in Uniform Patrol as well as the Administrative Division where she was named the department's first Accreditation Officer. In 2012, she was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and was the direct supervisor for Accreditation, Property and Evidence as well as the Quartermaster. After the department was awarded accreditation, Garvin was transferred back to Uniform Patrol. She is a General Instructor, Defensive Tactics Instructor, and Patrol Rifle Operator.

Lieutenant Garvin currently holds a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from the University of Oklahoma. She is married to Sean Garvin who is a Virginia Beach Patrol Officer. She is also the mother of one child.

Promoted to Sergeant: Police Officer Chad Hooker

Sergeant Chad Hooker joined the Suffolk Police Department in April of 2010. Sergeant Hooker has served the department as a Uniform Patrol Officer and was transferred to the Neighborhood Enforcement Team in 2013. Hooker is a member of the department's SWAT team.

Sergeant Hooker graduated from the University of Virginia's College at Wise with a Bachelor's Degree. He is married with two children and an active member of his church.

Promoted to Master Police Officer: Senior Police Officer John Brooks

Master Police Officer John Brooks joined the Suffolk Police Department in April of 1992. Master Police Officer Brooks has served the department in Uniform Patrol as well as the Administrative Division. Brooks has worked as a Police Motorcycle Operator, Field Training Officer, and Fatal Crash Investigator. He is a graduate of the 125th Administrative Officers Course at the Southern Police Institute, University of Louisville.

Promoted to Master Police Officer: Senior Police Officer Sherry Fellers

Master Police Officer Sherry Fellers joined the Suffolk Police Department in September of 2004. She was appointed to the rank of Senior Police Officer in January 2012. Fellers has served the department as a Uniform Patrol Officer and is currently the department's Property and Evidence Custodian. She is a General Instructor and Crisis Intervention Team Member. She is also a member of the department's Honor Guard and has served in this capacity since 2007.

Master Police Officer Fellers holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration. She is married and has a son.

Promoted to Master Police Officer: Senior Police Officer Michael Uriah

Master Police Officer Michael Uriah joined the Suffolk Police Department in February of 2004. He was appointed to the rank of Senior Police Officer in April 2010. Uriah has served the department as a Uniform Patrol Officer. He is a General Instructor and Radar Operator. He is also a member of Underwater Search and Rescue Team, Marine Patrol, and the department Search and Rescue Team.

Master Police Officer Uriah holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. He is married and has two daughters.

Promoted to Master Police Officer: Senior Police Officer Willis Williams

Master Police Officer Willis Williams joined the Suffolk Police Department in February of 2001. He was appointed to the rank of Senior Police Officer in April 2010. Williams has served the department as a Uniform Patrol Officer. He is a General Instructor, Firearms Instructor, Department Armorer, Radar Operator, Field Training Officer, and a certified member of the department's Crisis Intervention Team.

Master Police Officer Williams is the proud father of three children and has five grandchildren.

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