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### **Suffolk Police Officers Receive Promotions**

SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA (November 29, 2010) The Suffolk Police Department is proud to announce the promotions of two of its officers. Sergeant Robert Ross is being promoted from Sergeant to Lieutenant and Investigator Isaac Lopez is being promoted from Detective to Sergeant.

The two officers will receive their promotions during a ceremony scheduled for Monday November 29, 2010. The ceremony will take place in the Suffolk City Council Chambers at 441 Market Street at 4 pm. Police Chief Thomas Bennett says, "We are very proud of these two officers, and their career accomplishments. They will be a tremendous asset to the management team of the Suffolk Police Department. "

Lt. Robert Ross joined the Suffolk Police Department in January of 1989 and after graduation from the Police Academy in October of 1989. He was assigned to uniform patrol. Lt. Ross was named the Suffolk Police Department's Officer of the Year in 1991. He was transferred to the Investigative Services Division as a Detective in July of 1993. Lt. Ross was promoted to the position of Sergeant and assigned to Uniform Patrol on October 1, 2000 and in April of 2007 transferred to the position of Criminal Investigations Sergeant. Lt. Ross graduated with a Bachelor's Degree from Virginia

Tech in 1986. Lt. Ross has been married to his wife Cheryl for nineteen years. They have one daughter, Sheena, and two granddaughters, Megan and Mackenzie.

Sgt. Isaac Lopez joined the Suffolk Police Department in April of 2005. He graduated from the Police Academy in October of 2005 and was assigned to Sector One of the uniform patrol division. He was named the Suffolk Police Department's Officer of the Year in 2007 and soon after was transferred to the Special Investigations Unit. Sgt. Lopez also took on the responsibility of becoming a member of the departmental S.W.A.T. team. He attributes his productive career as a police officer to his work ethic instilled in him by his father. Sgt. Lopez is married to his wife Cathy and they have one daughter, Jaxon Rose.

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