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SUFFOLK POLICE OFFICER PROMOTIONAL CEREMONY

SUFFOLK, VA (December 8, 2011) The City of Suffolk Police Department will hold a promotional ceremony on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at 6 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 441 Market Street. Light refreshments will be served following the ceremony. Suffolk Police Officer promotions are as follows:

Lieutenant Select: Michael Wise

Sergeant Michael Wise joined the Suffolk Police Department April 16, 1999. He graduated from the Chesapeake Police Academy as a member of class 40-B. As an officer, Sergeant Wise was assigned to uniform patrol and, during this time, was promoted to Master Police Officer in 2005. In 2007, Sergeant Wise was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and was assigned to Uniform Patrol until 2009 when he was assigned to the Professional Standards Division as the Sergeant in charge of Accreditation, Training and Inspections.

Sergeant Wise is married to his wife of 13 years, Kirsten. They have three children Zoie (10), Zane (9) and Peyton (6).

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Sergeant Select: Master Police Officer Gary Myrick

Master Police Officer Gary Myrick joined the Suffolk Police Department on October 1, 1997. Following graduation from the Chesapeake Police Academy, Master Police Officer Myrick was assigned to Uniform Patrol from March 1998 until March of 2002 when he was assigned to Criminal Investigations from March 2002 until present.

Master Police Officer Myrick has numerous qualifications including Field Training Officer for Patrol Officers and Detectives, Evidence Technician, Alcohol Enforcement Specialist, and Cold Case Homicide Investigator. During his time on the force, Master Police Officer Myrick has been a two time Officer of the Quarter, two time Officer of the Year, two time member of the Team of the Quarter, and has received a Departmental Commendation along with several Noteworthy Performance Awards.

Master Police Officer Myrick is a Suffolk native and past member of the Suffolk Police Explorer Post. He is married to Angela Brown Myrick. They have two children Kendall (15) and Jasmine (6).

Sergeant Select: Detective Herbert M. Bruce, Jr.

Detective Herbert M. Bruce, Jr. has been a member of the Suffolk Police Department for 10 years following 21 years with the United States Air Force. Detective Bruce spent 3 years with Uniform Patrol before being assigned to the Detective Bureau for the past 7 years. He was promoted to Sergeant on August 15, 2011 and assigned to Sector 2. Detective Bruce also spent time assigned to the Suffolk Police Department Marine Patrol.

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Detective Bruce is a New York native and is a Desert Shield/Desert Storm Veteran. He is married to Joanne Bruce. They have two daughters currently on active duty with the Air Force and five grandchildren ranging in ages 2 to 11.

Sergeant Select: Detective David Wellford

Detective David Wellford joined the Suffolk Police Department on November 16, 2003 after retiring from a 20 year career in the United States Navy achieving the rank of Chief Petty Officer. Detective Wellford graduated from the Chesapeake Police Academy, Class #46, and was initially assigned to C Squad Sector 1. After one year, Detective Wellford was transferred to Sector 2 B Squad which was eventually changed to a rotating shift. After three years with the Sector 2 B Squad, Detective Wellford applied for and was selected to the Detective Bureau where he has worked both general assignment and economic crimes for over 4 years.

Detective Wellford's qualifications include Intoxilyzer Operator, Field Training Officer, M-4 Operator and General Instructor.

Detective Wellford, a Texas native, has been married to Teresa Wellford for 24 years. They have two sons Nicholas (23) and Christopher (21).

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