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SUFFOLK, Va. (March 19, 2010) Police Chief Thomas Bennett is pleased to announce a promotional ceremony to be held April 1, 2010, at 7 p.m., at the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts. At that ceremony seventeen members of the department are scheduled to be promoted. The ceremony will mark a historical event when Captain Stephanie Burch will be the first female ever to attain the rank of Major in the department. Burch currently heads the Criminal Investigation Division. In her new assignment, she will lead the department's Operations Division, which will include Uniform Patrol and Criminal Investigations.

The following will also be promoted to the listed ranks:

To the rank of Captain	Lieutenant C. Steve Patterson
To the rank of Lieutenant	Sergeant J. D. Buie
To the rank of Sergeant	Detective J. McCarley Investigator T. A. Smith Master Police Officer M. T. Erie
To the rank of Master Police Officer	Investigator D. L. White Officer C. R. Butler Officer D. W. Chipman Officer J. B. Carr Investigator K. T. Dodson Detective K. C. Hutt  Officer B. A. Wages

Officer J. N. Whitehead

Officer D. F. Jordan

To the rank of Senior Police Officer

Officer W. B. Williams

Officer C. A. Scherer

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