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### **SUFFOLK POLICE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONAL CEREMONY**

SUFFOLK, VA (January 26, 2018) The City of Suffolk Police Department held a Promotional Ceremony on Friday, January 26, 2018, in Suffolk City Council Chamber. The event featured the promotion of one Captain, one Lieutenant, Two Sergeants, and five Master Police Officers.

#### **Captain Cassandra Garvin**

Captain Cassandra Garvin joined the Suffolk Police Department in 2007 and was assigned to Uniform Patrol after completing the Police Academy. In 2009, she was named the Department's first Accreditation Manager and helped build the accreditation program culminating in Suffolk's first CALEA accreditation award. Garvin was promoted to Sergeant in 2012 and served as an Administrative Sergeant until being transferred back to Uniform Patrol at Precinct 2. She was promoted to Lieutenant in 2015 and assigned to Precinct 1, midnight shift, where she served until she was promoted to Captain. Captain Garvin has a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Oklahoma and has completed various law enforcement trainings to include general instructor, defensive tactics instructor, and patrol rifle operator.

Garvin is married to Sean Garvin, a Master Police Officer in the Virginia Beach Police Department, and they have three children.

Captain Garvin was promoted on November 15, 2017 and serves as the Office of Professional Standards Division Commander.

### **Lieutenant Lance Callis**

Lieutenant Lance Callis attended the Hampton Roads Criminal Justice Academy in 1993 and was hired by the Suffolk Police Department in 1994. In 1997, Callis was transferred from Uniform Patrol to the Detective Bureau where he spent two years until requesting to be transferred back to Uniform Patrol. Between 1999 and 2004, he achieved several certifications to include FTO and Fatal Accident Investigator. In 2004, Callis was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and, in May of 2004, he graduated from the Von Der Haus Gill Canine School and was a handler until his assigned canine retired in 2010. As a Sergeant, Callis spent two years in Uniform Patrol followed by an extended period of time in Special Operations and nearly a year in Special Investigations. Callis has been named Supervisor of the Year twice and has received the Community Service Award, the Lifesaving Award and the Department's Medal of Valor.

Callis is supported by his wife, Debbie, and his four children, Taylor, Noah, Laura and Jacob. Callis also has two brothers and a sister.

Lieutenant Callis was promoted on November 15, 2017 and serves within Sector 1 as a midnight shift watch commander.

### **Sergeant Samantha Bradshaw**

Sergeant Samantha Bradshaw joined the Suffolk Police Department in May of 2012 and was assigned to Uniform Patrol. In May 2015, she was assigned to the Neighborhood Enforcement Team and served there until her promotion to Sergeant. During her tenure, Bradshaw has obtained certifications for Radar/Lidar, Intoxilizer, CIT, Bicycle Patrol, Virginia Gang Investigator Specialist, General Instructor and Defensive Tactics Instructor. Bradshaw has received two Life Saving Awards, Mothers Against Drunk Driving Award, Hampton Roads Valor Award and a Community Service Award.

Bradshaw has been supported in her career by her mother, Karen, sister, Jackie, and her greatest encouragement has been provided by her husband, Officer William Bradshaw.

Sergeant Bradshaw was promoted on October 1, 2017 and serves within Sector 2 as a midnight shift street supervisor.

### **Sergeant Casey Thomas**

Sergeant Casey Thomas joined the Suffolk Police Department in September of 2011. After completing her field training program, she was assigned to one of the busiest shifts, Sector I evening shift. There she received certifications as a Radar Operator, Intox Operator, Autism Awareness instructor and Crisis Intervention. After completing her 40 hour training to become a Crisis Intervention Officer, Thomas was given the opportunity to attend additional training and become a trainer for the Department. In 2014, Thomas was transferred to the Detective Bureau. As a detective, she received certifications in Interview and Interrogations, Detecting Deception, Homicide Investigations, Human Trafficking and as a General Instructor.

Thomas has been supported in her career by her husband, Franklin Police Sergeant Chris Thomas, their 3 children, Cayden, Cooper and Cambelle, her parents, Cindy and Cleve Butts, and her in-laws, Charles and Joyce Thomas.

Sergeant Thomas was promoted on November 15, 2017 and serves within Sector 1 as an evening shift street supervisor.

**The five Master Police Officers were all promoted on June 1, 2017.**

**Master Police Officer James Babor**

Master Police Officer James Babor completed the Hampton Roads Criminal Justice Academy in October 2007 and was hired by the Suffolk Police Department in November 2007. Babor was assigned to Uniform Patrol and served as a K-9 Officer from August 2011 to August 2016. Babor has also served as a Fatality Investigator, SWAT Operator, General Instructor and a Firearms Instructor. In 2016, Babor was assigned to the Training Unit and is 1 of 2 VML Driving Instructors for the Department.

Master Police Officer Babor is married to Paula Babor and they have two children, Justin (7) and Emma (5).

**Master Police Officer Rachelann Cain**

Master Police Officer Rachel Cain joined the Suffolk Police Department in March of 2009 and was assigned to Uniform Patrol where she obtained certifications for Lidar/Radar, Evidence Tech, and Human Remains Recovery. Cain was promoted to Detective in June of 2012 and worked within the Violent Crimes Section. While serving in the Bureau, she gained certifications for Basic and

Advance Homicide investigation, Interview and Interrogation of adults and juveniles, and In-custody death investigations.

In November 2013, Cain was appointed as one of the Department's Suffolk Crime Line Coordinators. In July 2015, she was transferred to the JTTF/FBI Unit, where she currently serves. Cain was the 2016 Officer of the Year and the 2017 Suffolk Top Cop.

Master Police Officer Cain is married to Sergeant Thomas Cain and has two step-sons, TJ and Austin Cain.

#### **Master Police Officer Andrew Fenneman**

Master Police Officer Andrew Fenneman joined the Suffolk Police Department in February 2008 and currently serves on midnight shift downtown. Fenneman additionally performs duties as a Marine Patrol Officer, Search and Rescue Team member, Hostage Negotiator, FTO, CIT Officer, CSI street tech, and as a General Instructor.

Master Police Officer Fenneman has been married to Shari Fenneman for 15 Years. They have 10 Children (4 adults and 6 teenagers) living at home.

#### **Master Police Officer Paul Helvestine**

Master Police Officer Paul Helvestine joined the Suffolk Police Department on August 1, 2006. Upon completion of the Police Academy, he was assigned to Uniform Patrol, Sector 1, where he obtained certifications as an Intoxilyzer operator, Field Training Officer, Senior Fatal Crash Investigator, General Instructor, Driving Instructor, Radar/Lidar Instructor, Stop Stick Instructor, and an Amateur Radio Operator. Helvestine is also assigned to the Underwater

Recovery Team and is an operator on the Suffolk Mobile Command Bus. In August 2015, Helvestine was assigned to the Fugitive Unit which is his current assignment.

Master Police Officer Helvestine is married to Heather and supported in his career by his father, Michael.

### **Master Police Officer Timothy Mason**

Master Police Officer Timothy Mason joined the Suffolk Police Department on November 3, 2003 after retiring from the U.S. Navy with 21.5 years of service. He graduated from the Chesapeake Police Academy in 2004. He worked as a Patrol Officer until September 2009 when he was certified as a Motor Carrier Officer and then transferred to Special Operations. On August, 8 2014 Mason transferred to the Quartermaster Office.

Master Police Officer Mason has been married to his wife, Kimberly, for 35 years. They have two children and 1 grandchild.

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