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HPD Promotes Two

Harrisonburg, VA – The Harrisonburg Police Department is pleased to announce the promotion of two Sergeants to the rank of Lieutenant effective January 3, 2016. The promotions were made by Chief Stephen Monticelli indicating both Lieutenants are going to be assigned to the Patrol Division. Chief Stephen Monticelli states that these two promotions will be added alongside the current Lieutenant assigned Patrol creating a Command presence throughout the day and nighttime.

Lieutenant Carl Cline joined the Harrisonburg Police Department on January 6, 2002, he was promoted to Corporal in October 2005 where he supervised a Patrol Squad and was then transferred to the Bike Unit Supervisor in August 2007.



In September of 2008, Cline was promoted to Sergeant in the Patrol Division. In June 2011, he was transferred to the K-9 Unit as the Unit's supervisor. Lieutenant Cline has served in the Army National Guard, is K-9 Certified, serves as assistant SWAT Team Leader and is the Civil Disturbance Unit Leader. Lieutenant Cline received a Commendation in 2006, a Distinguished Action Award in 2006, a Life Saving Medal in 2008, a Meritorious Service Award in 2008, an Employee Excellence Award in 2009, a Law Enforcement "Officer of the Year" Award in 2010, and a Letter of Commendable Performance in 2012.



Lieutenant Philip Ritchie, Jr. joined the Harrisonburg Police Department in April 2003. He was promoted to Corporal in September 2005 where he supervised a Patrol Squad and served as Training Coordinator. In November 2010 Philip Ritchie was promoted to Sergeant where he served the Department in Patrol. In January 2012 he was transferred to Special Operations as the Traffic Unit Supervisor.

Lieutenant Ritchie has served in the U.S. Air Force, is a member on the SWAT Team, is the Accident Reconstruction Team Supervisor and serves as the Civil Disturbance Unit Assistant Team Leader. Lieutenant Ritchie received a Meritorious Action Award in 2004; a Distinguished Action Award in 2006, a Meritorious Action Award in 2006, a Meritorious Service Award in 2008, a Lifesaving Award in 2011, a Letter of Commendable Performance in 2013, and has received six Employee Excellence Awards.

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A Promotional Ceremony for the promotions of Lieutenant Carl Cline III and Lieutenant Philip Ritchie, Jr. will take place sometime in the near future.

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