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HPD Promotes Two into Command Staff Roles

Harrisonburg, VA - The Harrisonburg Police Department (HPD) recently promoted two of its own to the rank of lieutenant.

Jason Kidd and Todd Miller will be officially pinned as the department's next lieutenants at a ceremony at Thomas Harrison Middle School on May 10. Their next assignments will be in the Patrol Division.

"This was a competitive process and was a great reminder of the talent and expertise we have within HPD," explained Stephen Monticelli, police chief. "I am not only proud of these leaders but all of the supervisors, who continue to provide leadership to the community and their fellow employees."

Lieutenant Jason Kidd joined HPD in 2003 and served as a patrol officer until 2005, when he was assigned as a bike patrol officer. In 2007, he was promoted to investigator and in 2008 he went on to be promoted to corporal. He served as corporal in the Patrol Division and was promoted to sergeant and served as the department's training coordinator. In 2013, he transferred to the Criminal Investigations Division (now the Major Crimes Unit), his most recent assignment.

Kidd is the team leader of the Crisis Negotiations Team and serves as an instructor on the Rockingham-Harrisonburg Crisis Intervention Team. He has also contributed a great deal to the community and HPD in his ability to speak fluently in Spanish and often serves as an interpreter.

He has been recognized with numerous awards throughout his tenure at HPD. Lt. Kidd holds a bachelor's degree in Spanish from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, a master's in public administration from James Madison University, and has completed the National Criminal Justice Command College through the University of Virginia.

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Lieutenant Todd Miller was in the same law enforcement academy class as Kidd and started on patrol in 2003. In 2009, Miller was promoted to corporal and in 2012 he transitioned to the rank of sergeant and worked in the Patrol Division at both ranks. As sergeant he also served in the Personnel Development Unit, where he was responsible for the training of all departmental personnel, hiring of sworn and civilian employees, coordinated promotional and transfer processes, recruited interns, served as the police training officer program coordinator, and implemented the career development program.

Miller has received several awards during his tenure at HPD and is an assistant team leader on the Civil Disturbance Unit.

He holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from West Virginia State University. Most recently, Miller also graduated from the National Criminal Justice Command College through the University of Virginia.

Congratulation to Lieutenants Jason Kidd and Todd Miller and best wishes on your future as HPD's newest members of its command staff.

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