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**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
PRESS RELEASE

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## **FLPD PROMOTIONS**

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department invites the public and the media to join us in congratulating the following officers on their recent promotion.

The promotional ceremony will be held at Fort Lauderdale City Hall, Commission Chambers, located at 100 North Andrews Avenue in the City of Fort Lauderdale on Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 P.M.

### **Chief of Police: Rick Maglione**

Chief of Police Rick J. Maglione joined the Fort Lauderdale Police Department in 1992 and served in numerous capacities during his rise through the ranks. As an officer, he served in the Patrol Division and the Special Problems Unit of the Operations Bureau. Rick's career includes working as a Detective in the Street Narcotics Unit of the Special Investigations Division, as a Sergeant in both the Patrol Division and the Office of Internal Affairs, and supervising the Alarm Unit and Background Investigations Unit of the Administrative Support Division. As a Captain, Rick served in both the Operations Bureau and the Office of Internal Affairs. In 2011, Rick was appointed Executive Officer to the Chief of Police. He was promoted to the rank of Major in 2014 and to Assistant Chief of the Investigations Bureau in 2015. He is the recipient of 47 Public Commendations, 11 Departmental Commendations and 2 Unit Citations. In January 2017, Rick was appointed as the Interim Chief of Police. Rick holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Troy University and is a graduate of the 244<sup>th</sup> Session of the FBI National Academy.

### **Assistant Chief: Luis Alvarez**

Luis Alvarez has been a member of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department since 1997. Luis has served in the Operations Division, Special Investigations Division, Community Support Division, the Office of Internal Affairs and the Administrative Support Division. Luis also served as the Special Investigation Division Captain, the Special Operations Division Captain and as a Patrol District Commander. As a Major, Luis served as both the Executive Officer to the Chief of Police and as the Major of the Investigations Bureau. Luis has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management and a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice. Luis is a graduate from the 65<sup>th</sup> Session of the Police Executive Research Forum Senior Management Institute. He is also a graduate of the 270<sup>th</sup> Session of the FBI National Academy. He has 29 public commendations and 21 Department commendations.

**Major: Dana Swisher**

Dana Swisher has served the Fort Lauderdale Police Department since May of 1998. Dana has served in the Operations Bureau, Special Operations Division, Office of Internal Affairs, Special Investigations Division, Tactical Impact Unit, Motor Unit, and as the Commander of the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team. As a Captain, Dana served under the Office of the Chief as the commander of the Internal Affairs Division. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from the University of South Florida and a Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice with a specialization in Conflict Management from Nova Southeastern University. Dana has received 20 Public Commendations and 8 Departmental Commendations. Prior to joining the Fort Lauderdale Police Department, Dana worked for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission for two years.

**Lieutenant: Nick Coffin**

Nick Coffin has served with the Fort Lauderdale Police Department since 2000. Nick has served the Department in the Operations Bureau, Special Investigations Division, and as a member of the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team. As a Sergeant, Nick has served in the Operations Division, Special Investigations Division and most recently, assigned to the Office of Internal Affairs. Nick has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice. He has received 19 Public Commendations and 35 Departmental Commendations.

**Lieutenant: David Cortes**

David Cortes has been a member of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department since 1999. He has served the Department in the Operations Bureau, Special Investigation Division and as a member of the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team. As a Sergeant, David has served in the Operations Bureau, Special Investigation Division, Office of Internal Affairs, and most recently the Special Investigation Division's Drug Enforcement Unit. David holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice Management from Union Institute and University. David is the recipient of seven 7 Public Commendations and seventeen 17 Department Commendations.

**Lieutenant: Avery Figueras**

Avery Figueras has been a member of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department since 2000. Avery has served the Department in the Operations Bureau, Special Problems Unit, and the Special Investigations Division. As a Sergeant, Avery has served in the Operations Bureau, Operations Support Division, and most recently the Support Services Bureau. He is a member of the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team. Avery has received a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice Management. Avery is the recipient of 13 Public Commendations and 9 Departmental Commendations.

**Lieutenant: Ronald Magno**

Ron Magno has served the Fort Lauderdale Police Department since May of 1994. Ron has served the Department in the Operations Bureau, Operations Support Division as both a Narcotics and Apprehension K-9 Handler. Ron was also a member of the department's Honor Guard Unit. As a Sergeant, Ron has served in the Operations Bureau, Special Investigations Division, and most recently the Investigation Bureau in the Street Crimes Division/Rapid Offender Control Unit. He is currently a member of the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team. Ron holds a Bachelor's of Science in Criminal Justice from the State University of New York, Brockport. He has received 14 Public and 13 Departmental commendations.

**Sergeant: Margaret Dietrich**

Maggie Dietrich has been a member of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department since 1997. Maggie has served the Department in the Operations Bureau, Operations Support Bureau, and the Investigations Bureau. Maggie is a member of the Crisis Negotiation Team. Her most recent assignment was a Detective in the Economic Crimes Unit. Maggie is the recipient of 11 Public Commendations and 2 Departmental Commendations.

**Sergeant: Kenneth Giles**

Kenneth Giles has been a member of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department since 2006. Kenneth has served the Department in the Operations Bureau, Operations Support Bureau, Office of the Chief, and most recently assigned to the Support Services Bureau. He is a member of the Explosive Ordinance Disposal (Bomb) Unit as well as a Steward with the FOP Lodge 31. Kenneth is a retired Staff Sergeant from the US Air Force Reserves and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Miami. Kenneth is the recipient of 2 Public Commendations.

**Sergeant: Matthew Mocerì**

Matthew Mocerì has been a member of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department since 2005. Matthew has served the Department in the Operations Bureau and the Special Investigations Division. His most recent assignment was in the Support Services Bureau, Training Unit. He is a member of the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team. Matthew is currently an adjunct instructor at the Broward County Police Academy. Matthew has received a Bachelors' Degree in Accounting from University of Central Florida. He has been the recipient of 2 Public Commendations and 15 Departmental Commendations.

**Sergeant: James McDowell**

James McDowell has been a member of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department since 2007. James has served the Department in the Operations Bureau and the Special Investigations Division. His most recent assignment was in the Operations Bureau as a patrol officer. James holds a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from Wartburg College and a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from American Military University. He is the recipient of 2 Public Commendations and 5 Departmental Commendations.

**Sergeant: Tanisha Stevens**

Tanisha Stevens has been a member of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department since 2006. Tanisha has served the Department in the Operations Bureau, and the Operations Support Bureau. Additionally, she has served over 16 years of military service and is currently in the United States Air Force as Master Sergeant assigned to the Security Forces Squadron at Homestead Air Reserve Base. Her most recent assignment was in the Operations Bureau as the school resource officer at Dillard High School. Tanisha holds an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from the Community College of the Air Force and a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Union Institute and University. She is the recipient of 6 Public Commendations and 6 Departmental Commendations.

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