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**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
PRESS RELEASE

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**FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE**  
**DEPARTMENT**  
**PROMOTIONS / SWEARING IN**  
**CEREMONY**

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department invites the public and the media to join us in congratulating the following officers on their recent promotion and the cadets who recently completed the 325 Police Academy.

The ceremony will be held at the Grateful Palate located at 3003 Northeast 32 Avenue in the City of Fort Lauderdale on Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM.

Attendees are encouraged to park in the parking garage located, adjacent to Grateful Palate, at 3020 Northeast 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

**Captain: Timothy McCarthy**

Tim McCarthy has been a member of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department since 1997. Tim served the department as a patrol officer in the Operations Bureau. As a Sergeant, Tim was assigned to the Patrol Division, the Office of Internal Affairs, and the Special Investigations Division. Upon his promotion to Lieutenant in 2014 he has been assigned to the Operations Division as shift Commander in the Patrol Division, District 3, Shift 2. Tim served as a representative on the Awards Committee, and an Instructor for the departments Fair & Impartial Policing class. Tim holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Legal Studies and a Master's degree in Criminal Justice. He is the recipient of 9 Public Commendations and 8 Departmental Commendations.

**Lieutenant: Matthew Bucella**

Matthew Bucella has been a member of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department since November of 1994. Matthew has served the Department in the Operations Bureau as a Patrol Officer, a Field Training Officer, an Officer in the Special Problems Unit, as well as an officer in the Tactical Impact Unit. Upon being promoted in 2013 Matthew returned to the Operations Bureau as a Patrol Sergeant. He was then assigned to the District 3 Neighborhood Action Team, and most recently, Sergeant of the Threat Response Unit and the Terrorism Liaison Officer program. Matthew served as a member of the Department's Awards Committee from 1996 to 2002. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and International Relations from the Villanova

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University and a Master's in Counterterrorism Studies from the International Institute for Counterterrorism Studies in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Matthew is the recipient of 21 Public Commendations and 28 Departmental Commendations. Prior to joining the Fort Lauderdale Police Department, Matthew served as a Naval Officer with the United States Navy.

**Sergeant: Matthew Guerra**

Matthew Guerra joined the Fort Lauderdale Police Department in 2009. Matthew has served the Department in the Operations Bureau as a Patrol Officer and as a member of the District 3 Neighborhood Action Team. Matthew has also been assigned to the Investigations Bureau as a Detective in the Special Investigations Division. Matthew's most recent assignment was in the Investigations Bureau as a Detective in the Rapid Offender Control Unit. Matthew is currently serving as a member of the Citizens Police Review Board and has been a member of the Critical Incident Stress Debrief Team since 2013. Matthew holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Management from Union Institute and University. Matthew has 16 Departmental Commendations and 9 Public Commendations.

**Sergeant: John Jones**

John Jones joined the Fort Lauderdale Police Department in 2008. John has served the Department in the Operations Bureau as a Patrol Officer, a member of the District 2 Neighborhood Action Team and as a Field Training Officer. John was also assigned to the Investigations Bureau as a Burglary Detective. John's most recent assignment was in the Street Crimes Division as a Detective in the Rapid Offender Control Unit. John has been a member of the Critical Incident Stress Debriefing team (CISD) since 2013. John holds a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and Public Administration from Union Institute & University. John has been Officer of the Month 3 times and is the recipient of 11 Departmental Commendations and 15 Public Commendations.

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