



FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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FLPD PROMOTIONS

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is proud to announce our most recent promotions.

We invite our community and our media partners to join us at a promotional ceremony at the Cambria Hotel, 2231 North Ocean Boulevard, in the City of Fort Lauderdale on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.



Captain David Cortes

David Cortes joined the Fort Lauderdale Police Department in 1999. He began his career serving in the Operations Bureau as a patrol officer and a field training officer. David also served as a street level narcotics detective assigned to the Investigations Bureau. Upon being promoted to the rank of sergeant, David served as patrol supervisor, street crimes sergeant in the Special Investigations Division, a detective sergeant in the Office of Internal Affairs and as the sergeant of the Drug Enforcement and Vice Unit. He was also a member and team leader on the agency's SWAT Team. As a lieutenant, David again served in the Operations Bureau as a shift commander before transferring to the Support Services Bureau's Logistics position. His most recent assignment was in the Chief's Office as the Internal Affairs lieutenant. David holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice management from Union Institute and University. He is the recipient of two Officer of the Month awards, nine public commendations and 24 departmental commendations.



Captain Kimberly Maus

Kimberly Maus began her law enforcement career in 1990 as a constable with the City of Cambridge Massachusetts Police Department and was hired by the Fort Lauderdale Police Department in October of 1993. During her tenure with FLPD, she has worked in all three districts as a patrol officer, in the Special Investigations Divisions as a narcotics detective and a field training officer. She became a member of the Crisis Negotiation Team in 2000 and left the team in 2019 as commander. During her rise through the ranks at the department, she served as an adjunct instructor in the Training Division, a shift lieutenant in the Operations Bureau, the supervisor of the Community and Traffic Services Division and the Support Services Bureau. Kimberly also currently serves on the Critical Incident Stress Debriefing team. She has a bachelor's degree from Northeastern University. Kimberly is the recipient of two Lifesaving

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awards, two Officer of the Month awards, 32 public commendations and 32 departmental commendations.



Lieutenant Richard Fortunato

Richard Fortunato was hired by the Fort Lauderdale Police Department in July of 1994. During his tenure here, he has worked every district on midnight shift and evening shift. He was a member of the Tactical Impact Unit, the Special Problems Unit and the Economic Crimes Unit. Richard was also a member of the Bomb Squad. As a supervisor, he has served in the Operations Bureau as a patrol sergeant. Richard has remained involved with the Fraternal Order of Police for a majority of his career. He holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice management from the Union Institute and University. He has received an Officer of the Month award, 10 departmental commendations and 16 public commendations.



Lieutenant Luan Malushi

Luan Malushi has served the Fort Lauderdale Police Department since January 2006. He began his career serving in the Operations Bureau as patrol officer and later served as a field training officer. During his tenure, he also served as a property crimes detective. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in May 2013. His assignments as a sergeant included patrol and in the Office of Internal Affairs. Prior to joining the Fort Lauderdale Police Department, Luan was a member of the Detroit Police Department for eight years. He holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice management from Union Institute and University. Luan is the recipient of an Officer of the Month award, six departmental commendations and one public commendation.



Lieutenant 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 as a patrol officer, an officer assigned to the Neighborhood Action Team, the school resource officer at Dillard High School and a member of the Tactical Bicycle Platoon. Tanisha was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 2018. She has supervised patrol and most recently, she was assigned as a sergeant to the Special Operations Bureau managing the department's school resource officers. Additionally, she has more than 20 years of military service and is currently in the United States Air Force as a master

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sergeant assigned to the Security Forces Squadron at Homestead Air Reserve Base in Homestead, Florida. Tanisha holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Union Institute and University and is the recipient of 10 public commendations and seven departmental commendations.



Lieutenant Francisco Vetancourt

Francisco Vetancourt has been a member of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department since 1999. He has served the department as a detective in the Street Narcotics Unit, Strategic Investigations Unit and Street Crimes Unit. He served as both a patrol officer and patrol sergeant. Francisco held the position of sergeant in the Community Engagement Team and the Community and Traffic Services Division. Additionally, he was assigned to the Chief's Office in the Office of Internal Affairs from 2013 to 2017. Francisco served as a sergeant in the Street Crimes Division where he supervised the Larceny and Auto Theft units. In 2020, Francisco was reassigned to the Office of Internal Affairs. He has also served as a member of the Crisis Negotiation Team and our Tactical Bicycle Platoon. Francisco has an associate's degree in criminal justice from Miami-Dade College. He is the recipient of 26 departmental commendations and nine public commendations.



Sergeant Jan Caldera

Jan Caldera has served the Fort Lauderdale Police Department since 2010. He began his career serving in the Operations Bureau as a patrol officer. During his tenure, he also served as a field training officer and as an officer assigned to the Nighttime Economy Unit. Jan has been a member of the department's SWAT team since 2018. His most recent assignment was in the Operations Bureau as a field training officer. Jan is the recipient of two public commendations and three departmental commendations.



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Sergeant Amega Dean

Amega Dean has been a member of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department since 2008. She has served our agency as a police officer and a field training officer assigned to the Patrol Division in the Operations Bureau. Additionally, Amega has served as a Terrorism Liaison Officer since 2018. Prior to joining the Fort Lauderdale Police Department, Amega served five years in the United States Navy as an Electronic Warfare Specialist/Cryptologic Technician. While stationed on the USS Pearl Harbor, Amega made two deployments in support of the Global War on Terrorism and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Amega holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree in forensic accounting from the University of Wollongong in Australia. Amega is the recipient of two public commendations and six departmental commendations.



Sergeant Joshua Reich

Joshua Reich has served as a member of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department since 2014. He initially served in the Operations Bureau as a patrol officer and as a field training officer. During his time with the department, Joshua also worked as a narcotics canine handler in the Special Operations Division. His most recent assignment was in the Operations Bureau as a patrol officer. Joshua has a bachelor's degree in criminology from Florida State University. He is the recipient of an Officer of the Month award, five departmental commendations and three public commendations.



Sergeant Aaron Wright

Aaron Wright has served the Fort Lauderdale Police Department since August of 2008. He began his career serving in the Operations Bureau as a patrol officer. During his tenure, he also served as a field training officer and was assigned to District 2's Neighborhood Action Team. Aaron has served as a Fraternal Order of Police union representative and as the Vice President of the Fort Lauderdale Black Police Officer's Association. Aaron received his bachelor's degree from Union Institute and University and is also a graduate of the Southern Police Institute from the University of Louisville. Prior to joining the Fort Lauderdale Police Department, Aaron worked for two other Florida police departments and held the rank of captain. He is the recipient of 11 public commendations and seven departmental commendations.

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