



FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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SWEARING IN OF FLPD'S NEW POLICE CHIEF WILLIAM SCHULTZ AND PROMOTIONAL CEREMONY

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

We invite our community and media partners to join us for a promotional ceremony at the Parker Playhouse, 707 Northeast 8th Street, in the city of Fort Lauderdale on Wednesday, December 6, 2023. There will be a reception beginning at 10:00 a.m. and the ceremony will begin at 11:00 a.m.



Major Patrick Hart

Patrick Hart has served the Fort Lauderdale Police Department since 1997. He began his career in the Operations Bureau as a patrol officer and later served as a member of the Tactical Impact Unit. He was also a member of the department's SWAT team for 12 years and the Bomb Team Commander for 10 years. As Patrick rose through the ranks, he served in the Operations Bureau, Support Service Bureau, and the Office of the Chief. He also served at every level within the Investigations Bureau and ultimately led the Criminal Investigations Division as a captain. His most recent assignment was as captain of the Special Operations Division. Patrick holds a bachelor's degree in criminology from Florida State University and a master's degree in criminal justice administration from Florida International University. He is a graduate of the Southern Police Institute's Command Officers Development Course and the Police Executive Research Forum. Patrick is the recipient of 19 departmental commendations and 30 public commendations.



Major Steven Scelfo

Steven Scelfo has served the Fort Lauderdale Police Department since 2001. He began his career serving in the Operations Bureau as a patrol officer. During his tenure, he also served in the Community Policing Unit, Administrative Support Division, Criminal Investigations Division, Special Operations Division, Special Investigations Division, Tactical Bicycle Unit, and was additionally the commander of the Crisis Negotiation Team. His most recent assignment was as a district commander in the Patrol Division. Steven holds a bachelor's degree in multidisciplinary studies and a master's degree in business administration from Liberty University. He is a graduate of the Southern Police Institute's Command Officers Development Course and the Police Executive Research Forum. Prior to joining the Fort Lauderdale Police Department, he served for nearly two years as a police officer for the City of Detroit. Steven is the recipient of 11 departmental commendations, 20 public commendations, and a lifesaving award.

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Captain Avery Figueras

Avery Figueras has served the Fort Lauderdale Police Department since 2000. He began his career serving in the Operations Bureau as a patrol officer and later served in the Investigations Bureau as a detective assigned to the Street Narcotics Unit. Avery is the commander of the department's SWAT Team and has served with the team for 19 years. As Avery rose through the ranks, he served in the Operations Bureau as the sergeant of the Field Training Program and later as a shift commander. He also served in the Support Services Bureau as the Training Unit Sergeant and in the Special Operations Division as the supervisor of the Nighttime Economy Unit. Avery's most recent assignment was in the Support Services Bureau as the Training Unit Lieutenant. Avery holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice management from Union Institute & University and is the recipient of 12 departmental commendations, 22 public commendations, and two Chief's Citations.



Captain Ronald Magno

Ronald Magno has served the Fort Lauderdale Police Department since 1994. He began his career serving in the Operations Bureau as a patrol officer. During his tenure, he served in the Community Policing Unit as a drug detection dog handler. He later served in the Operations Bureau as an apprehension K9 handler. In 2012, he became a member of the department's SWAT team and is currently the commander of the Crisis Negotiation Team. As Ronald rose through the ranks, he served as a patrol supervisor, a detective sergeant in both the Tactical Impact Unit and the Street Crimes Division, and as a shift commander. His most recent assignment was as the Logistics Lieutenant in the Support Services Bureau. Ronald holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the State University of New York Brockport. He is a graduate of the FBI LEEDA Trilogy Program and a former Special Agent of the United States Secret Service. In 1997, Ronald received the Fort Lauderdale Police Department's Medal of Honor and was named officer of the year in 2020. He is also a four-time recipient of the officer of the month award and has received 18 departmental commendations and 36 public commendations.



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Lieutenant Tarek Bazzi

Tarek Bazzi has served the Fort Lauderdale Police Department since 2005. He began his career serving in the Operations Bureau as a patrol officer. During his tenure, he also served in the Investigations Bureau as a detective in both the Street Level and Major Narcotics Units. As a sergeant, Tarek was assigned to the patrol division as a supervisor, the Community Resource Unit, the Office of Internal Affairs, the Career Criminal Unit, and was a member of the Crisis Negotiation Team. Tarek's most recent assignment was in the Investigations Bureau as the supervisor of the Homicide Unit. He holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice management with a minor in Homeland Security from Union Institute & University. Prior to joining the Fort Lauderdale Police Department, Tarek served as a police officer for the City of Detroit for five and a half years. Tarek was awarded officer of the month in July of 2014 and is the recipient of 10 department commendations and three public commendations.



Lieutenant Jonathan Bohm

Jonathan Bohm has served the Fort Lauderdale Police Department since 2005. He began his career serving the Operations Bureau as a patrol officer and a field training officer. During his tenure, he also served in the Support Services Bureau in the Background Investigations Unit. As a sergeant, Jonathan served in the patrol division before being chosen to lead the department's first DUI Unit. Prior to joining the Fort Lauderdale Police Department, Jonathan served for 11 years as a police officer and a deputy sheriff in the state of Michigan. Jonathan is the recipient of 10 departmental commendations, five public commendations, two lifesaving awards, five outstanding DUI enforcement awards, and two Mothers Against Drunk Driving Century awards.



Sergeant James Ramage, Jr.

James Ramage, Jr. has served the Fort Lauderdale Police Department since 2005. He began his career serving in the Operations Bureau as a patrol officer. During his tenure, he was a motor officer assigned to the Operations Support Division. During this assignment, he served as a Motorcycle Instructor and Motor Field Training Officer. Prior to joining the Fort Lauderdale Police Department, James served the Portage County Sheriff's Office for 10 years. During his tenure with that agency, he was recognized by the Portage County Prosecutor's Office for outstanding service. James is the recipient of six departmental commendations and 19 public commendations.



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Sergeant Michael Salvati

Michael Salvati has served the Fort Lauderdale Police Department since 2010. He began his career serving in the Operations Bureau as a patrol officer and a field training officer. During his tenure, he also served the Investigations Bureau as a detective assigned to the Auto Theft Unit. Michael has been a member of the department's Honor Guard since 2016 and a member of the Bomb Squad since 2018. He holds a U.S. Public Safety Bomb Technician certification from the FBI and served as an advisor in the Law Enforcement of Tomorrow Program for five years. Michael received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice management from Union Institute & University. Michael is the recipient of five department commendations, six public commendations, and two lifesaving awards.



Senior Teletype Operator Richard Murrell

Richard Murrell has served the Fort Lauderdale Police Department since 2002. He began his career serving in the Records/Teletype Unit and became a full-time Teletype Operator in 2014. During his tenure, Richard has trained numerous teletype operators to ensure they are able to provide timely and correct information to officers, public safety aides, and members of the community. Prior to joining the Fort Lauderdale Policed Department, Richard served the city of Fort Lauderdale since 1990 working as a customer service representative at City Hall and as a water service technician with the Public Works Department. He additionally served as a parking enforcement officer for 18 years. Richard is the recipient of two employee of the month awards.

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