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Chatham County Police Department Holds 2020 Badge Pinning and Promotion Ceremony

Chatham County, GA (October 20, 2020) – The Chatham County Police Department held its 2020 Badge Pinning and Promotion Ceremony today to honor its newest officers and those receiving promotions.

The department welcomed ten new members to the force, and recognized five officers who received promotions. The Pinning and Promotion Ceremony holds special significance for those beginning their career in law enforcement, as well as those advancing in rank. Both new officers and those being promoted have their new badge pinned to their uniform by their family members, friends, or a fellow member of the force as a show of support. It is also an acknowledgement of the sacrifice an officer's loved ones make as the officer pursues a career that carries inherent dangers, and requires long hours and many holidays and special occasions spent away from family in the line of duty.

The department's new officers were recruited by the Chatham County Police Department to attend the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, and are recent graduates of the law enforcement training program.

Those honored today are:

Members of the Georgia Public Safety Training Center June 2020 Class

Officer Jose AlbinoDieppa

Officer Jaquez Alexander

Officer Joshua Gallipoli

Officer Trinity Hamm

Officer Ka'Deisha McCowan

Officer Caleb Thompson

Members of the Georgia Public Safety Training Center September 2020 Class

Officer Philip Gormley

Officer Michelle Socky

Officer Brandon Walker

Officer Morgan Washington

Chatham County Police Department Promotions

Corporal David Gushulak was promoted to the position of Sergeant.

Corporal Antonio Solomon was promoted to the position of Sergeant.

Sergeant Don White was promoted to the position of Lieutenant.

Lieutenant Susan Fandrich was promoted to the position of Captain, and is now the commander of the Chatham County Police Department's West Chatham precinct.

Lieutenant Gene Harley was promoted to the position of Captain, and is now the commander of the Chatham County Police Department's Criminal Investigation Division.

In order to adhere to COVID-19 health guidelines and requirements, the ceremony was held outdoors at Old Ft. Jackson. The event included fewer than 50 people, masks were required of all in attendance, and seating was arranged to allow for social distancing of people not living in the same household. A livestream of the ceremony was provided on the Chatham County Police Department website for family and friends who could not attend due to COVID-19 restrictions. The video may still be viewed by visiting <https://police.chathamcountyga.gov/Media/Livestream>

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