

DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT

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DeKalb Police Department Announces Two Recent Promotions.

The DeKalb Police Department is proud to announce the promotion of Commander Jason Leverton to Deputy Chief. The Deputy Chief position has been vacant since 2019 and we are excited to have Jason in that role. "Having lived in the community for my entire career, I am proud to call DeKalb and NIU home" said Leverton. "I look forward continuing to serve the community in this new role". Jason Leverton started his career with the DeKalb Police Department in April of 1996 as a patrol officer. He was promoted to Corporal in 2000 and then to Sergeant in 2001, serving as a patrol shift commander. As a Sergeant, he completed a major revision of the department's policy manual, supervised the Volunteers In Policing Program and the Field Training Program, and completed the Northwestern University's School of Police Staff & Command where he served as the class Vice President. He was then promoted to Lieutenant in 2012 where he supervised the Investigations Division, initiated the Targeted Response Unit, and served as the construction liaison in the building of the new police station. He was then promoted in 2013 to Commander of the Community Support Services Bureau where he managed the 9-1-1 Communications Center and helped initiate programs such as Community Relations, Crime Free Housing, state accreditation, and the embedded Social Worker program.

The DeKalb Police Department is also proud to announce the promotion of Sergeant Chad McNett to Commander of the Patrol Division. Chad McNett started with the DeKalb Police Department in October of 1995 as a patrol officer. In addition to the day-to-day duties as a patrol officer, McNett took on more administrative duties, including audio/video evidence retrieval and retention, fingerprinting and background check services, and technology installation and operation projects within the Police Department. McNett was named the department's first Community Relations Officer in 2013, where he strengthened existing community relationships and built new ones throughout the city. McNett has been active in many community events including, but not limited to Special Olympics, Heroes and Helpers, DeKalb County Triad, and No Shave November. McNett was promoted to Sergeant in 2016 and has been a shift supervisor in the Patrol Division since that time. In this role, he serves as the Department's liaison to the Illinois State Police to ensure accuracy for local arrests and civil processes. "I feel fortunate to have lived and served amongst a great group of neighbors and friends who make the city a place my family and I can call home," said Chad McNett. "I am thankful for this new opportunity, and I look forward to my new role as Commander of Patrol".

These promotions became effective October 17, 2021, and a formal promotion ceremony will be announced at a later date.

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