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NEW JERSEY STATE PAROLE BOARD PROMOTES SIX DEDICATED LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONALS

Three Sergeants and Three Lieutenants Sworn in at Monthly Command Staff Meeting in Trenton

TRENTON, NJ, March 3, 2020 – The New Jersey State Parole Board announced today the recent promotions of three parole officers to the rank of sergeant, and three sergeants promoted to the rank of lieutenant. After taking an oath of office, the commanders received their new badges and supervisory assignments to manage parole officers within the agency's Division of Parole.



Lieutenant Thomas Borr will lead District Office # 6 in Trenton. Lieutenant Borr began his career as a parole officer working in East Orange. He has also worked in the State Parole Board's Electronic Monitoring Unit and Sex Offender Management Unit where he was promoted to sergeant. Lieutenant Robert Howell will take command of the Division's Community Programs Unit, where he has been assigned as a sergeant for the past eight years. He began his career in 2001 as a parole officer covering Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem Counties. Lieutenant Mark Eaise will assume his leadership role at District Office # 7 in Camden. He began his career as a parole officer in 1997 working out of District Office # 1 in Passaic. He then worked as an Electronic Monitoring Response officer in the Vineland and Camden areas for nine years.

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Sergeant James Gahm transferred from Administrative Office of the Courts Probation Department to become a parole officer in 2001. He started out with a traditional caseload in Camden prior to being assigned the Community Programs Unit in 2004. He has also worked in the Electronic Monitoring Unit, and most recently served as the parole officer liaison to the Camden County Jail. As a sergeant, he is now assigned to District Office # 9 in Newark. Sergeant Joseph McIntyre graduated from the parole academy in 2004, and was assigned to District Office # 2 in East Orange. His next assignment in the Sex Offender Management Unit lasted for 14 years. He will now be supervising parole officers in Monmouth and Ocean Counties out of District Office # 3 in Red Bank. Sergeant Tracy Schott, a former parole counselor in the Division of Release, transferred to the Division of Parole after completing parole academy training in Sea Girt. She has been serving in the Division of Parole's Administrative Unit for the past several years and will be reassigned to supervise officers at District Office # 6 in Trenton.

New Jersey State Parole Board Chairman Samuel J. Plumeri, Jr. said "Congratulations to these six commanders who will mentor parole officers in the field, and teach them how to maintain the high standards of community supervision that makes this agency a national model for paroling authorities. The task ahead of them will be both challenging and rewarding as the New Jersey State Parole Board continues to help keep the state's recidivism rate one of the lowest in the nation."

Executive Director Steven Tallard said "Advancing up the ranks requires hard work, excellent performance, experience, and strong leadership skills. It is the culmination of all these attributes that have helped these newly promoted commanders achieve their goals. They are supremely suited to guide the next generation of officers as this agency looks to continue its dual mission of working to ensure public safety and helping lower the state's recidivism rate."

"These newly promoted supervisors have the integrity, confidence, and courage needed to make the tough decisions necessary to help lead the Division of Parole now, and into the future," said Director of the Division of Parole and Community Programs James Dickinson. "As the prison population declines, parole numbers increase, which will make these new commanders' leadership assignments that much more important."

The New Jersey State Parole Board is committed to promoting public safety, utilizing effective methods to aid supervised offenders in reentering society and to reduce the recidivism of offenders while addressing the needs of crime victims. As required by law, appointed parole board members and staff conduct approximately 13,500 hearings per year, solicit input from victims, and decide upon parole matters. Nearly 400 sworn parole officers supervise more than 15,500 offenders and act as New Jersey's primary law enforcement agency responsible for sex offender supervision. Additionally, State Parole officers are also active partners with a variety of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies and task forces. Finally, the agency's Community Programs Unit partners with government, non-profit, and private agencies to connect former inmates with vocational, mental health, and related services.

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Photo # 1: State Parole Board Legal Support Unit Chief Robin Stacy (far right) administers the Oath of Office to the newly promoted commanders. (from left to right): Lt. Thomas Borr, Lt. Robert Howell, Lt. Mark Eaise, Sgt. Joseph McIntyre, Sgt. Tracy Schott, and Sgt. James Gahm

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