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NEW JERSEY STATE PAROLE BOARD PROMOTES LONGTIME LIEUTENANT DAVID RUSSO TO CAPTAIN

22-Year State Parole Veteran to Help Lead Agency in its Continuing Effort to Promote Public Safety and Reduce Recidivism Throughout New Jersey's Communities

TRENTON, NJ, December 20, 2022— The New Jersey State Parole Board today announced the promotion of David Russo to Captain. He previously served as Lieutenant and will now oversee eight of the agency's district offices located throughout the state.

New Jersey State Parole Board Chairman Samuel J. Plumeri, Jr. said, "During his tenure, Captain Russo has illustrated inherent professionalism, expertise, and an intimate knowledge of parole supervision and the reentry process. As this agency continues its critical mission, I am confident Captain Russo will make many positive contributions that will invariably help guide and support our valued officers and commanders."

Captain Russo said, "I am looking forward to this exciting new opportunity where I will have the chance to inspire my colleagues and collaborate with them to accomplish the critical mission and vision of the State Parole Board. I want to thank Chairman Plumeri and Director Dickinson for entrusting me with this leadership role."

In 2000, Captain Russo joined the New Jersey State Parole Board as a Parole Officer Recruit. His first assignment was at the Atlantic City District Office #8. Captain Russo worked at that office for approximately two years and was then transferred to District #3 in Red Bank before being promoted to Sergeant in 2007.

Captain Russo's new assignment was working in the Office of Interstate Services where he learned the intricacies of the Interstate Compact for Adult Offenders—the unit responsible for transferring offenders in and out of the State of New Jersey and the monitoring of their parole compliance. After working for the Community Programs Division, Captain Russo was promoted to Lieutenant in 2014. In his new capacity, he returned to command District #8.

In addition to serving the New Jersey State Parole Board as a Captain, David Russo is also a New Jersey LGBTQ+ Law Enforcement Liaison. There are a total of 100 liaisons throughout the state who serve in this capacity representing a variety of law enforcement agencies that ensure trust and promote a positive working relationship between law enforcement and the LGBTQ+ community through education and community outreach efforts.

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Captain Russo is also an active member of the 177th Fighter Wing New Jersey Air National Guard. He currently serves as a Lieutenant Colonel and joined the Guard when he was 19-years-old. In his capacity, Captain Russo is the Deputy Director of the Complaints Resolution Team for the 177th's Office of the Inspector General. He also provided support during several hurricanes that affected the New Jersey coast.

“Working in State Parole and the military have provided me with the skill set needed to be a successful member of the agency’s command staff and I am looking forward to the many challenges ahead.”

Captain Russo is married and enjoys traveling, camping, and spending time with family.

The mission of the New Jersey State Parole Board is to promote public safety and foster the successful rehabilitation of offenders through the implementation of policies that result in effective parole case management. A multitude of innovative parole initiatives assist the Board in addressing the needs of the community, crime victims, and offenders through responsible decision-making and supervision processes. These initiatives assist the New Jersey State Parole Board in meeting its important goals which include increased public safety, sustained recidivism rate reductions, and the successful and sustainable reintegration of offenders.



Photo Caption:

New Jersey State Parole Board Captain David Russo (left) proudly displays his newly minted Captain's badge next to New Jersey State Parole Board Director of Division of Parole and Community Programs James Dickinson (right)

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