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COMMISSIONER PONTE APPOINTS NEW CHIEF

Four Bureau Chiefs Named in Top DOC Restructure

East Elmhurst, NY – New York City Department of Correction (DOC) Commissioner Joe Ponte has appointed William P. Clemons as Chief of Department, DOC's highest ranking uniform position. Clemons' appointment is accompanied by changes in the department's top organizational structure which are designed to improve internal communication, accountability and overall performance. These appointments will take effect on May 19.

"William Clemons is a superb corrections professional. In the few months we have worked together, he has proved himself a critical problem-solver and a man of great integrity. I am confident he will provide the kind of leadership needed to make our jails safer and improve outcomes for inmates," Commissioner Ponte said. Clemons currently serves as Assistant Chief of Custody Management.

"It is a great honor to be selected for this position and I am looking forward to working with Commissioner Ponte, our team of Bureau Chiefs, and all of New York's Boldest to make New York City's jails a model for the nation and the world," said Chief Clemons.

In a structural change of top uniform management, Chief Clemons will directly supervise a team of Bureau Chiefs. Each Bureau Chief will be responsible for a specific portfolio. Commissioner Ponte has appointed Gregory McLaughlin, currently Deputy Chief of the Department and Acting Chief of Department, to serve as Bureau Chief of Operations. Assistant Chief of Security Brian Suprenant will become Bureau Chief of Security. Another Assistant Chief, Joandrea Davis, will become Bureau Chief of Administration. Deputy Chief of Staff Martin Murphy has been named Bureau Chief of Custody Management.

The restructuring actually restores a longstanding arrangement that was changed in recent years by having the Chief of Department directly supervise a single Deputy Chief of Department who supervised the three Assistant Chiefs. Under the new structure, all four Bureau Chiefs will have three stars. The Chief of Department has four.

Biographies

William Clemons began his career with the Department in 1985 as a Correction Officer assigned to the Brooklyn Correctional Facility, and later served at the Manhattan Court Pens, the Bronx House of Detention for Men, the Inspectional Services and Compliance Division, North Infirmary Command, the Transportation Division and the Health Management Division. He was promoted to Captain in September 2000 and assigned to the Eric M. Taylor Center. He then served as the Security Captain for Division I and later as the Administrative Captain in the Inspectional Services and Compliance Division, before serving as the Administrative Assistant to the Bureau Chief of Custody Management. In July 2004, Assistant Chief Clemons was promoted to Assistant Deputy Warden and assigned to the George R. Vierno Center and later the Vernon C. Bain Center. Upon being promoted to Deputy Warden in 2006 and then Deputy Warden in Command in 2007, he served as the Executive Assistant to the Chief of Department until his promotion to Warden in March 2010. As Warden, William P. Clemons was assigned to the Transportation Division and then the Robert N. Davoren Center prior to his promotion to Supervising Warden of Division II in December 2011. William Clemons was promoted to Assistant Chief of Administration on June 08, 2012 and has been assigned as the Assistant Chief of Custody Management since August 30, 2013. He received an Associates of Applied Science degree in Business Administration from Concordia College.

GREGORY MCLAUGHLIN, Bureau Chief of Operations

Gregory McLaughlin became a Correction Officer in 1987. As an officer, he served at the Queens Detention Complex, the North Infirmary Command and the James A. Thomas Center. He was promoted

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to Captain and assigned to the George R. Vierno Center (GRVC) in 1996, and later served at the Brooklyn Correction Facility and the Eric M. Taylor Center, as well as in positions at Headquarters, in the Office of the Bureau Chief for Custody Management and in the Office of the Chief of Department. He also served as Commanding Officer of the Donald J. Cranston Judicial Center. In 1999, he was promoted to Assistant Deputy Warden and assigned to the Anna M. Kross Center and, later, directed the Construction Management Unit. After a promotion to Deputy Warden in 2002, he served at the Rose M. Singer Center, the Support Services Division (SSD), and the North Infirmary Command. He was assigned as a Deputy Warden for Administration at GRVC in 2004. Since then, he has served as the Warden of the Robert N. Davoren Center, the Hospital Prison Wards, the Transportation Division, and SSD. He was promoted to Deputy Chief of Department in January 2013.

BRIAN SUPRENANT, Bureau Chief of Security

Brian Suprenant joined the Department as a Correction Officer in 1984, assigned to AMKC. He remained at AMKC until 1996, when he was promoted to Captain and thereafter assigned to OBCC/CPSU, HMD, WF and the Special Operations Division. In 2000, he was promoted to ADW and once again assigned to AMKC. After 9/11, he participated in the DOC's rescue and recovery effort at Ground Zero and the Medical Examiner's office, and was active in the Department's effort to assist the Medical Examiner in the identification of victims of the Flight 587 disaster. In 2002, he was transferred to the First Deputy Commissioner's office and shortly thereafter was selected to serve as the Executive Assistant to the FDC. Promoted to DW in 2005, he has since served in the Senior Deputy Commissioner's office, EMTC, RNDC, Headquarters Audit Unit, NIC/JATC, Deputy Chief of Department's office and the Chief of Department's Office. He has served in all of the facility disciplines: Security, Administration, Operations and Programs. In September 2011, he was selected as the Executive Assistant to the Chief of Department, and served in that assignment until his recent promotion. On August 2013, he was promoted to the rank of Supervising Warden. He became Assistant Chief of Security in August 2013.

JOANDREA DAVIS, Bureau Chief of Administration

Joandrea Davis joined the Department in 1988 as a Correction Officer at the Otis Bantum Correctional Center. In 1991 she was transferred to the George R. Vierno Center and then to OBCC where she stayed until 1996. She was then promoted to Captain, and assigned to the Metropolitan Detention Complex until 2001 when she was promoted to Assistant Deputy Warden and assigned to the George Motchan Detention Complex. The following year she was transferred to Management and Planning, GRVC and then to the Bronx Detention Complex until 2004, when she was promoted to Deputy Warden and assigned to the Anna M. Kross Center. In 2006, she was promoted to Warden and assigned to the Rose M. Singer Center. Within the year Warden Davis was transferred to H.M.D., the Eric M. Taylor Center and, in 2008, to GMDC. She has been a member of the New York City Department of Correction for 25 years. She became Assistant Chief of Administration in August 2013.

MARTIN J. MURPHY, Bureau Chief of Custody Management

Martin J. Murphy began his career within the Department in 1987. He was originally assigned to the Brooklyn House of Detention. He was later promoted to Captain in 1997 and served at both the James A. Thomas Center and OBCC/CPSU. In 2007, he was promoted to Assistant Deputy Warden and served at the George R. Vierno Center and the Headquarters Division. In 2010, he was promoted to Deputy Warden and assigned to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Department. He was promoted to Deputy Warden in Command and assigned to the Office of the Commissioner to serve as the Deputy Chief of Staff on April 11, 2011.

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