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East Providence Police Department promotes new captain

EAST PROVIDENCE, RI – The City of East Providence Police Department has promoted a new captain to its force.

Lt. Floyd Gardner was sworn in by Mayor Bob DaSilva to the rank of captain of the East Providence Police Dept. on Wednesday. Gardner, who has been a member of the force for 16 years, was sworn in before the Command Staff including Chief William Nebus, Major Christopher Francesconi, Capt. James Nelson and Capt. Thomas Rush.

“I have worked with Capt. Gardner for more than 16 years, mostly in the Patrol Division, but we also served together on the Special Reaction Team,” Chief Nebus said. “I’m lucky to be surrounded and supported by such an exceptional command staff. It’s an honor to add Capt. Gardner to that list.”

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Gardner was promoted to captain after having served as lieutenant since 2014, working with the Patrol Division.

A U.S. Army Veteran, Gardner spent six years with the Illinois Department of Corrections from 1993 through 1999.

He went on to work as a Rhode Island Deputy Marshal from 2000-2002 and Rhode Island State Deputy Sheriff for a short time before joining the East Providence Police Dept. in 2003.

Gardner was promoted to detective corporal in 2008 where he was assigned to the Major Crimes Division. One year later, Gardner was promoted to sergeant and assigned to the Patrol Division, where he remained for five years before being promoted to lieutenant.

In addition to his years leading the Patrol Division, Gardner – a certified firearms specialist – served as lieutenant in the Office of Professional Standards; served 10 years on the Special Reaction Team (SRT); and was a use of force, active shooter, firearms and ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate) instructor.

Gardner is also an armorer and firearms program manager.

“Capt. Gardner has been an asset to this department since he first joined 16 years ago,” Mayor DaSilva said. “We are confident that Capt. Gardner, a dedicated member of the police force, will continue to protect and serve the community with pride and professionalism.”

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