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## **East Providence Police Department names former School Resource Officer to Detective Corporal**

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

Officer Cheri Almeida was sworn in by Mayor Bob DaSilva to the rank of detective corporal of the East Providence Police Dept. on Friday, Sept. 21, 2019.

"Each day, in every municipality including East Providence, investigators are performing essential services that help promote positive change in their communities and there's no doubt Det. Cpl. Almeida will do exactly that," Mayor DaSilva said.

Almeida, who has been a member of the force for 18 years, was sworn in before her family, Chief William Nebus, Major Christopher Francesconi and her fellow School Resource Officers Tammy David and Doug Borden.

"After serving many years mentoring students as an SRO we are lucky to have Corporal Almeida return to headquarters to begin her next chapter as an investigator, Chief Nebus said. "The transition should be easy for Det. Almeida since she will start her new assignment in the Juvenile Division."

Prior to being promoted to Det. Cpl., Almeida served as School Resource Officer, a member of the Patrol Division and member of the Community Policing Unit.

Almeida served nine years as a SRO at Martin Middle School where she served as a liaison between the school and police department.

"We've been blessed the past nine years to work with SRO Cheri Almeida," said the Martin Middle School administration. "Our team will miss her, but she is on to great things and she will always be a wildcat."

Almeida, a member of the Juvenile Hearing Board, has a long history of working with juveniles both in the local schools and community at large. She has instructed and participated in mentorship programs, youth violence prevention programs, safety awareness programs and Kids and Cops camps.

Almeida has received many awards while employed by the EPPD including: the Exceptional Service award, two Honorable Service awards and three unit citations. In addition, Almeida is also an active shooter response training instructor.

Almeida, who studied education at Rhode Island College and Criminal Justice at the Community College of Rhode Island, served her country as a member of the Rhode Island National Guard (Military Police).



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