



# City of Cambridge Police Department

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Cambridge, MA – City Manager Robert W. Healy and Commissioner Robert Haas have selected three individuals to be promoted to the rank of Deputy Superintendent. “We are very pleased with the quality of the candidates that participated in this extremely thorough process,” said Healy. “The three individuals that emerged at the top of that process will be vital in the continuing progress of this great department.”

The Cambridge Police Department has a sworn compliment of 273 Officers and 42 civilian personnel. They respond to over 100,000 calls for service yearly, supporting a diverse and engaged community. The Department prides itself on service to its residents and seeks to exemplify the motto, “protect and serve.”

Deputy Superintendent John J. Albert has been a member of the Cambridge Police Department since 1987, starting in the Patrol Division and served in the Accident Investigations Unit and the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2000 and then responsible for the supervision of the Investigations Section including the Warrant Apprehension Unit. In 2003 he was promoted to Lieutenant and since then has supervised the Traffic Enforcement Unit. Albert holds a Bachelor’s degree from the University of Massachusetts and graduated from the FBI Academy in 2008. While serving as the Unit Commander for the Traffic Enforcement Unit, Dep. Supt. Albert has built this unit to serve as a model to other law enforcement agencies. He possesses great organizational skills and has a proven track record when it comes to building professionalism among those who have served under his supervision. Deputy Albert will be assigned as the Platoon Commander for the First Platoon in the Operations Division, which operates during the day shift. He will also assume administrative oversight for the Traffic Enforcement Unit and Community Relations Unit.

Deputy Superintendent Paul J. Ames joined the Department in 1987 as a Patrol Officer and became a Detective in the Special Investigations Unit from 1991 to 1997. He went on to become a Training Academy Instructor as the Commanding Officer of the range and specializing in use of force and firearms training. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1997 and served as the Special Investigations Unit Commander coordinating drug and vice cases. Ames was promoted to Lieutenant in 2003 and held a number of positions including the Tactical Patrol Force Commander and coordinated case management for the Investigations Section. Deputy Ames has a Masters Degree from Anna Maria College and a Bachelors from the University of Massachusetts. Dep. Supt. Ames brings with him a strong tactical skill set and he has a proven track record in building a cohesive unit among the personnel who have served under his command. Deputy Ames will be assigned as the Platoon Commander for the Third Platoon in

the Operations Division which has a shared responsibility in providing uniform police service during the evening and midnight hours. In addition, Dep. Superintendent Ames will have administrative oversight for the Tactical Police Force and Special Response Team.

Deputy Superintendent Christine A. Elow joined the Department in 1995 as a Patrol Officer and during that time provided self defense instruction to community members. She was promoted to Sergeant in 2003 assigned to the Quality Control Section conducting internal investigations. Elow was promoted to Lieutenant in 2006 assigned to the Patrol Unit and then in 2008 was assigned to the Professional Standards Unit, currently as the Commander. She had previously served 4 years in the United States Navy, holds a Bachelors Degree and is pursuing a Masters from Curry College. Dep. Supt. Elow possesses strong organizational skills and a unique ability to enhance current operations. Deputy Elow will be assigned as the Commanding Officer of the Professional Standards Unit, which is part of the Office of the Police Commissioner.

“The Deputies will join the command staff and contribute in a meaningful way to the Department to strategize on how to most effectively deliver policing services in collaboration with the community,” said Commissioner Robert Haas. “Their shared vision will greatly enhance our efforts.”

The promotional ceremony took place on Tuesday January 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am at the Police Department and was open to the media.

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