



WE ARE PLEASED TO INTRODUCE YOUR NEW NORTH REGION COMMANDER CAPTAIN MICHAEL BLAIR

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Captain Michael Blair has served with the Columbia Police Department since 1986 when he became a cadet. He was sworn in as an officer in 1989.

As you can imagine, during the 30-plus years with CPD, Captain Blair has made an impact in his various regions and assignments. The Telephone Response Unit, North, Metro and West Regions as a patrol officer and the list goes on.

In 2015, when he was a Sergeant in North Region he was tasked to form the new CPD Bike Unit. He currently serves an ancillary role as the Unit coordinator.

For the past two years, Blair served as 'Delta-Squad' Watch Commander and serves as the senior officer on the Oral Review Board. He is a member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, the Benedict College Alumni Association, Law Enforcement Bicycle Association, attended the FBI Command College and also earned the coveted FBI Leeda Trilogy award.

Captain Blair holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration as an Honors Graduate from Benedict College.

FORMER NORTH REGION COMMANDER CAPTAIN CHRIS WHITE

Congratulations to **Captain Chris White**, who has been assigned to the Office of the Chief for special projects. White did a tremendous job as the region commander in North region and will not utilize his skills to work with internal and external partners to include CPD, City of Columbia, non-profit agencies, community partners and companies to aid in the department's mission and core values in serving the citizens of Columbia. White is also tasked with research and development of best practices for reducing, preventing and deterring crime in the City of Columbia. White has been with the CPD since 1995.

He has earned an exclusive designation as an FBI-LEEDA Trilogy award recipient and attended the FBI's National Academy - Session 246 in 2011. White is also a graduate of Benedict College.



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WE ARE PLEASED TO INTRODUCE YOUR NEW SOUTH REGION COMMANDER CAPTAIN PAUL BLENDOWSKI

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Captain Paul 'PJ' Blendowski has served with the Columbia Police Department since 2002, where he was assigned to the North Region.

In 2004, Captain Blendowski obtained a position on the K-9 Team where he was assigned his first patrol dog.

During his tenure at CPD, he worked in North Region, as a Community Response Team member and was assigned to West Region Patrol.

In 2011, he was transferred to the Special Operations Division where, Blendowski served as the K-9 Supervisor, handler and trainer for the department. In 2017, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and served as the 'Alpha Squad' Watch Commander.

Captain Blendowski is an FBI-Trilogy Award recipient and last year, he graduated from the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department's Command College and finished first in the 'Fitness Challenge'. He also earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of South Carolina.

FORMER SOUTH REGION COMMANDER

CAPTAIN JOHN "JP" WILLIAMS

Congratulations to former South Region Commander **John "JP" Williams**, who has been named the new Captain of the department's Training Division under the Administrative Bureau. Williams will oversee operations for officers to maintain their required Class I Law Enforcement Certification and professional staff with work-related requirements. Williams has been with CPD since 1996. He is currently the Team Leader of the Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) and has been a member for approximately two decades.

During his tenure with CPD, Williams has worked at various leadership capacities to include assignments with the Criminal Investigations Division (CID) and Organized Crime and Narcotics Division (OCN).

Williams earned an exclusive designation as an FBI-LEEDA Trilogy award recipient and completed the FBI- LEEDA Carolina Command College.



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