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Mollis to Appoint Capt. John J. Urban, Jr. to Chief of Police

North Kingstown, RI — A. Ralph Mollis, Town Manager, has announced he will be appointing Captain John J. Urban, Jr. as Chief of the North Kingstown Police Department. Captain Urban has been serving as Acting Chief and with this appointment, Urban will become the 11th Chief of Police of the Department. Mollis will place this on the agenda of the North Kingstown Town Council's March 25th meeting for "advice and consent" as required in the Town Charter. An official swearing in ceremony will follow on March 27th.

"I am proud and honored to appoint this decorated and respected 22-year veteran of the North Kingstown Police Department as its next Chief," Mollis stated. "I have had the opportunity to conduct numerous individual meetings with the Command Staff of our Department and John Urban has the respect and admiration of what I consider the finest Command Staff in all of law enforcement. John is well respected by his peers in law enforcement throughout the State, has respect from his partners in Public Safety in North Kingstown, and knows the department inside-out after having worked through the ranks and various positions of the Department. In his 22-years with our police department, John has served as a Patrol Officer, School Resource Officer, Detective, Patrol Sergeant, Detective Sergeant, Patrol Lieutenant, Administrative Lieutenant, and Administrative Captain before becoming Acting Chief with the retirement of Chief Pat Flanagan."

A North Kingstown resident for many years, Urban has an accomplished and extensive background as a law enforcement professional, a record of honorable military service with the U.S. Army and the R.I. National Guard, and briefly served as a Corrections Officer prior to his first position within the North Kingstown Police Department in 2002. Urban has extensive labor relations experience as former President and Vice-President of IPBO Local 473, and a long list of certifications and trainings throughout his career, including two (2) Rotary Officer of the Year awards for protecting the life of a fellow officer (2009) and helping to save the life of an entrapped person (2013).

Urban earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Roger Williams University following an Associate Degree in Law Enforcement from CCRI. He served honorably with the R.I. Army National Guard in the 115th and 169th Military Police Company and was awarded a Combat Action Badge in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Urban earned his commission from Officer Candidate School at Camp Varnum after successfully completing U.S. Army Basic Training and Military Police Training at U.S. Army Military Police School, both in Fort McClellan, Alabama.

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