



SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Chief of Police

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS – Mayor Jim Langfelder and Police Chief Ken Scarlette promoted three officers in a ceremony at the Springfield Police Academy on Thursday, January 26, 2023. Officers William Burton Brown and Donald Rummans were promoted to the rank of Sergeant; Sergeant Paula Crouch was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.

Sergeant Donald Rummans is a 17-year veteran of the Springfield Police Department. He has served as a School Resource Officer, traffic officer, and as a member of the Crisis Intervention Team, recruiting team and ILEAS Mobile Field Force Team. Sergeant Rummans is a graduate of Knoxville High School (IA), and attended University of Illinois at Springfield and Central Christian College of the Bible (Moberly, MO).

Sergeant William Burton Brown is a 15-year veteran of the Springfield Police Department. Sergeant Brown has served as a member of the Emergency Response Team and Honor Guard. He is also a recipient of the Springfield Police Department Silver Suarez Award. Sergeant Brown served in the Illinois Army National Guard for 21 years and retired as a First Sergeant. He is a graduate of Bushnell – Prairie City High school, and earned a bachelor's degree from Western Illinois University in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration as well as Sociology.

Lieutenant Paula Crouch is a 23-year veteran of the Springfield Police Department. She has previous assignments as a detective, a Neighborhood Police Officer, CrimeStoppers Coordinator and has served as a member of the Pro-Active Crimes Unit, Honor Guard, recruiting team, Hostage Negotiation Team and Child Advocacy Center multidisciplinary team. Lieutenant Crouch is a recipient of the Springfield Police Department William Herndon Award and Abraham Lincoln Award as well as the Sangamon County Advocate of the Year Award and the American Red Cross Hero Award. She is a graduate of Auburn High School, and earned a bachelor's degree from Benedictine University, a master's degree from Western Illinois University and a Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Police Executive Administration from Western Illinois University.

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