



SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Kenny Winslow
Chief of Police

Springfield, Illinois - Mayor Jim Langfelder and Police Chief Kenny Winslow promoted three officers and swore in 11 new officers during a private, outdoor ceremony Thursday afternoon at the Springfield Police Academy. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the ceremony was limited to those taking part in the swearing-in, and no more than six family members of each sworn and promoted officer were in attendance.

Police Chief Kenny Winslow stated, "It is always a pleasure to see young, educated, energetic and hard-working individuals enter law enforcement. We are proud to welcome such a talented group of young men and women into our profession who have a strong desire to serve our community. It is moments like this that allow current officers to reflect upon why we joined the Springfield Police Department, which I believe it is to make our community a better and safer place for all."

Each new officer will participate in an intensive twenty-week, field training program with veteran Springfield officers. The additional training is required by the department and is proven effective when they are carrying out their duties as a Springfield Police Officer.

The officers graduated from the Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center. The new officers will be assigned to the Field Operations Division, headed by Deputy Chief Don Mumaw.

The new officers are:

Brent Acker, age 32. He graduated from Picayune Memorial High School (MS) and attended the University of Tennessee at Martin, graduating with a degree in Business Management.

Curtis Baker, age 25. He graduated from Rochester High School and attended Saint Ambrose University, graduating with a degree in Marketing.

Timothy Collier, age 31. He attended Southeast and Springfield High Schools and graduated from Bloomington High School. He attended Parkland College, Lincoln Land Community College, and Langston University.

David Craven, age 27. He graduated from Pleasant Plains High School and formerly served with the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office (Court Security) and with the Sherman Police Department. Officer Craven was the recipient of the Commander's Award from the Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center.

Joseph Felchner, age 34. He graduated from Glenwood High School and attended Lincoln Land Community College. Officer Felchner is a certified EMT/Paramedic and formerly served with the Rochester Police Department.

Bridget Horton, age 26. She graduated from Odin High School and attended the University of Illinois Springfield, graduating with a degree in Criminal Justice / Criminology.

William Robertson, age 25. He graduated from Glenwood High School and attended Western Illinois University at Edwardsville, graduating with a degree in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration.

Joe Vose, age 32. He graduated from Springfield High School and attended Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, graduating with a degree in Kinesiology.



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George Cosentino-Wayda, age 25. He graduated from Pleasant Plains High School and attended the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, graduating with a master's degree in Business Administration.

Jacob Wayda, age 23. He graduated from Pleasant Plains High School and attended Lincoln Land Community College.

Eric Wise, age 27. He graduated from Glenwood High School and attended Lincoln Land Community College. Officer Wise is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

The newly promoted officers are:

Jeffrey Coker, to the rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Coker is a graduate of Hancock Central High School and Western Illinois University. He previously served within Springfield Police Department (SPD) as a field training officer, narcotics unit officer, and as a K-9 handler winning four TOP DOG 1st place finishes in Region 16 of the United States Police Canine Association. Sergeant Coker is a 19-year veteran of the SPD.

Derrick Baker, to the rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Baker is a graduate of Brown County High School and he attended Lincoln land Community College. He previously served within SPD as a field training officer, street crimes unit officer, and as a Crisis Intervention Team officer. Sergeant Baker is a 24-year veteran of the SPD.

Joseph Behl, to the rank of Lieutenant. Lieutenant Behl is a graduate of PORTA high school and Illinois State University. He previously served within SPD as a field training officer, neighborhood police officer, street crimes unit officer and supervisor, emergency response team officer and team leader, and as a sergeant within the field operations division and at the SPD Academy. He is a 13-year veteran of the department.

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