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SUBJECT: Chief Ceynowa Announces New Deputy Chief – Deputy Chief Laura Marquardt Retires

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Chief Ceynowa Announces New Deputy Chief – Deputy Chief Laura Marquardt Retires

On Tuesday, April 4, Deputy Chief Laura Marquardt will retire from the Duluth Police Department after 28 years with DPD.

“Laura and I have worked closely together for the past 20 years as investigative partners, supervisory partners and administrative partners. I have always appreciated her and her perspectives on public safety issues and her world view,” said Chief Mike Ceynowa. “We are going to miss her knowledge and expertise here but wish her a very well-deserved retirement.”

During her tenure, DC Marquardt held a variety of roles. She was a patrol officer, part of the Violent Crimes Unit, was promoted to Sergeant, then Lieutenant, and in 2016 became a Deputy Chief. Her most recent role was being the Deputy Chief of the Administrative Division.

“During my time at the Duluth Police Department, I had the honor and privilege of working alongside the dedicated women and men who work tirelessly to protect our community,” said DC Laura Marquardt. “I am confident that DPD will continue to strive to follow through on our mission of providing a safe Duluth for all and I look forward to watching DPD succeed from the sidelines.”

Chief Mike Ceynowa selected Lieutenant Ryan Morris to become the next Deputy Chief of Patrol. Deputy Chief Nick Lukovsky, who has been overseeing the Patrol and Investigative Divisions, will now oversee both the Investigative and Administrative Divisions.

“Morris brings with him a variety of lived and professional experience,” said Chief Mike Ceynowa. “I’m confident Morris will be successful in this new chapter of his career.”

Morris started as a patrol officer in 2000. He worked in the Traffic Investigations Unit for five years before his promotion to Sergeant in 2013. In 2019, he was promoted to Lieutenant where he worked Patrol before taking on the role of Deputy Chief.

“I am truly humbled and blessed to have been chosen to lead the Patrol Division,” said Deputy Chief Ryan Morris. “The dedication, passion, and professionalism that our patrol officers demonstrate daily to serve this community, in combination with a new generation of leadership at DPD, make for a very promising and exciting time for our department and for the safety our community. I look forward to being a part of this team in my new

role.”

Morris will be transitioning into his new role on Sunday, March 12.

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Laura Marquardt



Ryan Morris

