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Acting Police Chief Named to Lead Department During Transition East District Captain Connors to Assume Role June 1st

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy announced today he is appointing **East District Commander Captain Joseph Connors** as Acting Chief of the Jersey City Police Department to fill out the remainder of the term of the current administration.

Police Chief Thomas Comey will retire effective June 1st, when Connors will assume the role of Acting Chief of the Department.

“Captain Connors has an impeccable record of police service and his strong ties with the community will serve him well in his new capacity as Acting Chief,” said **Mayor Healy**. “Joe Connors is a respected leader within the Police Department, and I have full confidence in him.”

Connors, who is married with one son, has spent the last three years as Commander of the East District precinct which covers includes all of downtown and the Bergen-Lafayette neighborhood. In addition to his solid ties with the block associations and community groups, Captain Connors has built strong relationships with the NYPD, the Port Authority Police Department, NJ Transit Police, and downtown business community.

The East District is also the city’s busiest event venue, with 34 major events held annually including parades, concerts, festivals and marathons.

“It’s my intention to serve the residents and visitors of this city consistent with the manner in which I and the officers in the East Precinct did, and that is being fair, honest, responsive, and dedicated to the task at hand with the utmost professionalism,” said **Capt. Connors**, a 32-year veteran of the department. “I am looking forward to facilitating the transition for the department between the current and incoming administrations so the Police Department does not miss a beat.”

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Earlier in his career, Connors served as Commander of the Juvenile Bureau, Internal Affairs and Executive Officer of the South District precinct. He plans to continue his open-door policy that he maintained in the East District precinct, where he held regularly scheduled monthly meetings with both community groups and the business community representatives to address their concerns respectively.

“I’m confident that the city security and management of its law enforcement personnel are in extremely capable hands with Captain Connors,” said **retiring Chief Comey**.

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