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The Michigan City Police Department would like to announce the reassignment of personnel within the department. As a result of the recent appointment of Lieutenant Ben Neitzel to Chief of Police and the promotions of the two assistant Chief's, Cpl. Mark Swistek to Chief of Operations and Sgt. John Kintzele's promotion to Chief of Services the following Supervisors have been transferred to fill positions that were affected by the recent promotions.

Effective Monday July 12th Captain Stephen Jesse a 27 year veteran has been reassigned from Chief of Services to assume command of the afternoon Patrol Shift. Captain Jesse has served in various positions within the department. Captain Jesse previously was the commander of the afternoon patrol shift prior to his promotion to Chief of Services. Previously Captain Jesse was the commander of the Detective Bureau, a Detective for several years, Uniform Shift Commander, and a previous member of the Scuba team.

Effective Monday July 12th Lieutenant Johnnie Hudson a 20 year veteran has been reassigned from Chief of Operations to the midnight Patrol Shift where he will serve as the Lieutenant to Captain Alan Christensen who is the midnight shift Commander. Previously Lieutenant Hudson was the Juvenile Division Commander within the Detective Bureau as well as other assignments such as Special Operations Commander, Detective, Uniform Patrol Shift Supervisor, and a prior member of the department Swat Team.

Effective Monday July 12th Lieutenant Tom Howe a 25 year veteran has been reassigned to the Detective Bureau where he will assume command. Previously Lt. Howe has held other positions within the department such as Accreditation manager, Narcotic's Division, 9 ½ years as a Detective within the Detective Bureau where he will now assume command. Lt. Howe also is a past member of the Scuba and Swat teams. Lt. Howe will be replacing Chief Ben Neitzel who was previously the commander of the Detective Bureau.

Effective Monday July 12th Corporal Cary Brinkman a 13 year veteran has been promoted to the Detective Bureau. Cpl. Brinkman will report to Lt. Tom Howe. Detective Cpl. Cary Brinkman has previously been assigned to the Narcotics Task Force, Community Oriented Police Program,

Special Operations Group, and the Uniformed Patrol Division. Cpl. Brinkman is also a member of the SWAT and Scuba teams. On July 1st Cpl. Cary Brinkman was promoted from Senior Master Patrolman to the rank of Corporal.

Effective Wednesday July 14th Captain Larry Kunkel a 32 year veteran has been transferred from Uniform Patrol Shift II to the Traffic Division where he will assume command. Previously Captain Larry Kunkel was the afternoon shift Commander. Previously Captain Larry Kunkel served as Chief of Police from 1990-1996, Narcotic's Division Commander, Detective Bureau Commander, Traffic Division Commander, and also served as the Uniform Shift Commander for all three-patrol shifts in the past.

Effective Monday July 19th Captain Mark Harris a 26-year veteran is transferred from the Traffic Division where he served as the commander to the appointment of Administrative Assistant. Captain Harris has previously held this position within the department. He will assist with research and development for the agency along with other supervisory responsibility within the department. Previously Captain Mark Harris has worked in the Detective Bureau, Narcotic's Task Force, Training Division Commander, Division of Professional Standards Commander, Uniform Patrol Supervisor, and previously was the Chief of Operations. Currently Captain Mark Harris is also the Commander of the department's SWAT and SCUBA Teams.

Effective Monday July 19th Corporal Darren Kaplan a 12 year veteran of the department is transferred from Uniform Shift III to the Juvenile Detective Division where he will report to Sgt. Louis Jacobucci. Previously Cpl. Kaplan has served in the DARE program, School Liaison Officer, and the uniformed Patrol Division.

These Transfers will complete the reassignment of personnel within the Michigan City Police Department as a result of the retirement of Police Chief Gene Simmons and the appointment of Lieutenant Ben Neitzel to Chief of Police as of July 2nd.

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