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Three St. Louis Police Majors Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel *Antoinette Filla becomes first female Lieutenant Colonel in Department History*

Today the Board of Police Commissioners promoted three Majors to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Lieutenant Colonel is the highest rank in the Department other than the rank of Colonel which is held exclusively by the Chief of Police. The promotions of Alfred Adkins, Antoinette Filla and Paul Nocchiero will become effective January 5th, 2009.

Alfred Adkins joined the Department as a recruit in 1980 and was commissioned as a police officer in May of that year. Adkins was promoted to Sergeant in 1989, Lieutenant in 1993, Captain in 2000 and to Major in 2003. In his nearly 30 year career, Adkins has served in the 2nd, 6th, 8th and 9th Districts. He's also served in the 9th District Detective Bureau, the Area Three Station, Mobile Reserve, Patrol Support and Criminal Investigations. In January of 2007, Adkins became commander of the North Patrol Division. As a Lieutenant Colonel he will command the Bureau of Criminal Investigations, a role currently held by Lieutenant Colonel Tim Reagan, who will be reassigned to Chief Isom's Chief of Staff on January 5th. Adkins is a graduate of Northwest High School. He is also a graduate of the prestigious FBI National Academy and holds a Master's Degree in Business and Organizational Security Management from Webster University. Adkins and his wife live in the North Point neighborhood.

Antoinette Filla will become the first female Lieutenant Colonel in the Department's 200 year history. She joined the Department in 1973 and was commissioned as a police officer in March of 1974. She was promoted to Sergeant in 1984, to Lieutenant in 1987, to Captain in 1993 and to Major in February of 2007. In her 35 year career with the Department, she has served in the 3rd, 4th, 8th and 9th Districts. She's also been assigned to the Juvenile Division, Sex Crimes & Child Abuse Section, Traffic Safety, Internal Affairs, Criminal Investigations and was Secretary to the Board of Police Commissioners. In October she became the commander of the South Patrol Division. As a Lieutenant Colonel, Filla will be the commander of Community Policing, a role being vacated by Lieutenant Colonel Roy Joachimstaler who will retire on January 4th. Filla is a

graduate of St. Anthony's High School. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Justice Administration from Tarkio College, a Master's in Administration from Lindenwood University and is a graduate of the prestigious FBI National Academy. She lives in the Princeton Heights neighborhood.

Paul Nocchiero joined the Department in September of 1977 and was commissioned as a police officer in December of that year. He was promoted to a Sergeant in 1987, to Lieutenant in 1989, to Captain in 1993 and to Major in 2003. In his more than 30 year career with the Department he's served in the 1st, 3rd and 4th Districts. He also served in Prisoner Processing, Bureau of Support Operations, the Narcotics Section, the Police Academy, Internal Affairs, the Chief's Office and as Secretary to the Board of Police Commissioners. He is currently the commander of Auxiliary Services. He will remain in that role as a Lieutenant Colonel. Nocchiero is a graduate of Bishop DuBourg High School. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Webster University. He and his wife live in the St. Louis Hills neighborhood.

Chief Isom reviewed each candidate's history within the organization and conducted interviews with each candidate, using many of the same leadership dimensions that were developed during the Chief's selection process. He made his recommendations to the Board of Police Commissioners today. The Board had the unique opportunity to be familiar with each candidate as each had previously interviewed with the Board during the Chief's selection process.

Chris Goodson, President of the Board of Police Commissioners said, "When the Board selected Dan Isom as Chief, one of the things that impressed us most was the clear vision he laid out for a Department with solid management, better community relationships and sound business practices. These three people have the tenacity, leadership qualities and skill sets necessary to help push his vision forward."

In addition to the vacancies created by the reassignments and retirement noted above, Lieutenant Colonel Reggie Harris will become the commander of the Bureau of Professional Standards. Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Pollihan, who currently commands the Bureau, is retiring on January 4th.

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