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Department of Environmental Protection Announces Promotion of 16 Veteran Members of its Police Division



Photos from the promotion ceremony are available on [DEP's Flickr page](#)

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection today announced the promotion of 16 environmental police officers. The veteran officers were promoted March 9 during a ceremony at the Staff Sgt. Robert H. Dietz DEP Police Academy in Kingston, NY.

The DEP Police Division was established more than 100 years ago. Its 220 members are charged with protecting 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, more than 185,000 acres of watershed land, roughly 300 miles of aqueducts, 29 water supply dams, 57 bridges, seven wastewater treatment plants, and more than 280 shafts, chambers, laboratories and treatment facilities that help the water system function. These facilities and lands stretch across parts of eight counties and roughly 2,000 square miles of watershed. DEP Police patrol the watershed by foot, bicycle, all-terrain vehicle, boat and helicopter. They also maintain specially trained units, including a Detective Bureau, Emergency Service Unit, Canine Unit and Aviation Unit.

The following lieutenants were promoted to the rank of captain:

- Capt. Robert Flynn was appointed to the DEP Police in June 1993, and began his career on patrol out of the Beerston Precinct. He transferred to the then Neversink Precinct in 1995. In December 1997 he was promoted to sergeant in charge of the Environmental Enforcement Unit for the west-of-Hudson area. He was promoted to lieutenant in January 2003, commanding the newly formed Detective / Intelligence Division and has served with the division since its inception.

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- Capt. Joseph Miceli was appointed to the DEP Police in December 2001, and began his career on patrol assigned to the then Croton Precinct. In 2003 he was selected for and transferred to the police academy staff. In June 2004 he was promoted to sergeant and in October 2005 he was promoted to lieutenant. He currently serves as the commanding officer of the Eastview Precinct and previously served as the commanding officer and executive officer of the Hillview and Eastview precincts. Miceli is certified as a police instructor, having specialized certifications in Crisis Intervention, Ethical Awareness, Cultural Diversity, Mental Health and DWI Detection.
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- Capt. Shane Turck was appointed to the DEP Police in July of 2001, and he began his career in the Patrol Division reporting out of the then Neversink Precinct. In September 2003 he was selected for and transferred to the Emergency Services Unit and in June 2004 he was promoted to sergeant and team leader within that unit. In April 2011 he was promoted to lieutenant of the Special Operations Division and has served with the division since its inception. In addition to various awards for service, Turck is a recipient of the Meritorious Police Service Award for Heroism for actions performed in April 2008. Turck studied criminal justice at SUNY Ulster and is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy's 227th Session.
- Capt. David Wiswall was appointed to the DEP Police in August 1998 and began his career in the Patrol Division reporting out of Ashokan Precinct. In March 2001 he was promoted to detective and in June 2004 he was promoted to sergeant. In February 2016 he was promoted to lieutenant and assigned as the commanding officer of the Grahamsville Precinct. Wiswall previously served four years active duty in the U.S. Army.

The following sergeants were promoted to the rank of lieutenant:

- Lt. Michael Martinez was appointed to the DEP Police in December of 2005 and began his career in the Patrol Division reporting out of the then Croton Precinct. He was promoted to sergeant in December 2012 and was assigned to the Hillview Precinct where he currently serves as a patrol sergeant. Martinez recently completed his master's degree in forensic psychology at Argosy University.
- Lt. Thomas Reis was appointed to the DEP Police in October 2002 and began his career in the Patrol Division reporting out of the Beerston Precinct. In September 2003 he was selected for and transferred to the Emergency Services Unit. In September 2011 he was promoted to sergeant and was the team leader for squad two of the Emergency Services Unit, where he also serves as sniper team leader. He is a police instructor specializing in defensive tactics, firearms, physical training, EVOG and numerous other topics. Reis holds an associate's degree in liberal arts and sciences.
- Lt. Joseph Santamaria was appointed to the DEP Police in June 1999 and began his career in the Environmental Enforcement Unit reporting out of the Beerston and then Neversink precincts. He was promoted to detective in June 2000 and promoted to sergeant in December 2001. He currently serves as the sergeant for the west-of-Hudson Detective Bureau. Santamaria served with the U.S. Army and the New York Army National Guard for 17 years. He attended Broome Community College and studied criminal justice. Prior to his service with the DEP Police, he served with the Village of Deposit and Village of Port

Dickenson police departments for three years.

- Lt. Jon Shamro was appointed to the DEP Police in June 1999 and began his career in the Patrol Division reporting out of the then Neversink Precinct. In June 2000 he was promoted to detective in the Patrol Division. He was promoted to sergeant in January 2002 and assigned to the Grahamsville Precinct.

The following detectives were promoted to the rank of sergeant:

- Sgt. Erik Johnson was appointed to the DEP Police in January 2001 and began his career in the Patrol Division reporting out of the Gilboa Precinct. He transferred to the Detective Division in December 2004 and earned the rank of detective in 2005. He continues to serve in the Detective Division. Prior to his service with the DEP Police he served with the Fulton County Sheriff's Office, Northville Police Department and the Margaretville Police Department for three years.
- Sgt. Kelly Kilpatrick was appointed to the DEP Police in October of 2002 and began her career in the Patrol Division out of the Ashokan Precinct. In September of 2003 she was selected for and transferred to the Canine Unit. She was promoted to detective in May 2017. She and her canine partner Bingham are currently assigned to the Gilboa Precinct. Kilpatrick is a New York State certified canine patrol, explosives detection and narcotics detection trainer and examiner.
- Sgt. Gregg Marinelli was appointed to the DEP Police in October 2002 and began his career on patrol out of the then Neversink Precinct. In August 2003 he was selected for and transferred to the Special Operations Division, Canine Unit, and in August 2007 he was selected for and transferred to the Emergency Services Unit. He was promoted to detective in April 2013 and continues to serve in the Emergency Services Unit.

The following officers were promoted to the rank of sergeant:

- Sgt. Ethan Berghammer was appointed to the DEP Police in March 2013 and began his career in the Patrol Division out of the Eastview Precinct. In May 2014 he transferred to the Grahamsville Precinct where he currently remains. Berghammer previously served six years in the U.S. Marines. He has an associate's degree in criminal justice from SUNY Delhi.
- Sgt. Richard Callamari was appointed to the DEP Police in December 2005 and began his career in the then Strategic Patrol Unit, acquiring valuable training that he brought to the Eastview Precinct in 2009 where he continues to serve. Callamari previously served six years in the U.S. Marines.
- Sgt. David Grabiec was appointed to the DEP Police in September 2009 and began his career in the Patrol Division out of the Grahamsville Precinct where he currently remains. Grabiec has an associate's degree in criminal justice from Sussex County Community College.

DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing more than 1 billion gallons of high-quality water each day to more than 9.5 million New Yorkers. This includes more than 70 upstate communities and institutions in Ulster, Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties who consume an average of 110 million total gallons of drinking water daily from New York City's water supply system. This water comes from the Catskill, Delaware, and Croton watersheds that extend more than 125 miles from the City, and the system comprises 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, and numerous tunnels and aqueducts. DEP has nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 scientists, engineers, surveyors, watershed maintainers and other professionals in the watershed. In addition to its \$70 million payroll and \$166 million in annual taxes paid in upstate counties, DEP has invested more than \$1.7 billion in watershed protection programs—including partnership organizations such as the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Watershed Agricultural Council—that support sustainable farming practices, environmentally

sensitive economic development, and local economic opportunity. In addition, DEP has a robust capital program with \$18.9 billion in investments planned over the next 10 years that will create up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year. For more information, visit nyc.gov/dep, like us on [Facebook](#), or follow us on [Twitter](#).

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