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Press Release

Westport Police Department Promote Four Officers

(Westport, CT) On Friday, November 4th, 2022, Westport Police held a promotional ceremony at Town Hall where the following officers were promoted.

Corporal Howard Simpson was promoted to Sergeant. Sergeant Simpson was hired as a Patrol Officer in 2003 and was promoted to Corporal in 2014. Prior to joining the Westport Police Department, Sgt Simpson spent 10 years in law enforcement with the Milford Police Department and Connecticut State Police. He is EMT certified, an Intoxilyzer and TASER instructor and has been a member of the Accident Investigation Team, Marine Division and Police Union Executive Board where he served as President for 7 years. Sergeant Simpson will be assigned to the Patrol Division.

Corporal Dan Paz was promoted to Sergeant. Sergeant Paz transferred to Westport Police on September 30th, 2014, from Bridgeport Police where he was an Officer for three years. Sergeant Paz serves on several specialized units to include: The Southwest Region Emergency Response Team where he serves as an Assistant team leader and master breacher, Motorcycle Unit, and Accident Reconstruction Team. Sergeant Paz was promoted to Corporal in 2018 and served as a Field Training Officer. Additionally, Sergeant Paz is an instructor in: Firearms, Arrest and Control, De-escalation, Handcuffing, Baton, OC spray, Taser, armored vehicle operations, breaching, and Active Shooter. Sergeant Paz has also been a member of the Union Executive Board for four years. Sergeant Paz will be assigned to the Patrol Division.

Sergeant Sereniti Dobson was promoted to Lieutenant. Lieutenant Dobson was hired as a Patrol Officer in 2006 and promoted to Detective in 2009. As a Detective, Lieutenant Dobson was assigned to the Youth Bureau and was responsible for investigating crimes against children and juvenile matters. She was an affiliate of the ICAC Task Force (Internet Crimes against Children) and

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helped establish the first juvenile review board -a diversionary program for the Town of Westport. In 2015, she was promoted to Sergeant and in 2017 Lt. Dobson returned to the Patrol Division. Lieutenant Dobson received her Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Norwalk Community College and her Bachelor of Science Degree in Investigative Services from the University of New Haven. Lt. Dobson has received several awards to include the Chief's Commendation and Investigative Ribbons. In 2018, she was recognized by the Westport Rotary Club receiving the Public Safety Award and recognized by Mothers Against Drunk Driving. She has been recognized by the US Attorney's Office for her outstanding service and performance in a homicide investigation. Furthermore, Lieutenant Dobson has served as the Treasurer for the Police Benevolent Association from 2009 to 2018 and as the Treasurer for the Police Union from 2014-2018. Lieutenant Sereniti Dobson will be assigned to the Patrol Division.

Lieutenant David Wolf was promoted to Captain. Captain Wolf was hired as a Patrol Officer in 2001. He has served as a DARE officer as well as a Field Training Officer and is a certified law enforcement instructor teaching in the areas of search and seizure, civil liability and landlord/tenant law. He was the Assistant Commander of the Southwest Emergency Response Team's Crisis Negotiator Unit and the coordinator for Westport Police Crisis Intervention Team. Captain Wolf was promoted to Sergeant in 2014 and to Lieutenant in 2017. As a Lieutenant, he served as a Shift Commander in the patrol division and most recently as the Administrative Lieutenant/Public Information Officer. Captain Wolf received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Government from Franklin and Marshall College and graduated with a Juris Doctor degree from UCONN Law in 2015. He was admitted to the CT Bar Association in 2016. Captain Wolf will be assigned to Professional Standards.

During the ceremony, Westport Police Chief Foti Koskinas recognized these officers and their accomplishments and said, "These officers should be congratulated and recognized for their hard work and dedication both to their profession and the Westport community."

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Four promoted officers from left to right (Sgt Dan Paz, Sgt, Howard Simpson, Lieutenant Sereniti Dobson, and Captain David Wolf). Also pictured Deputy Chief Arciola, First Selectwoman Tooker, and Chief Koskinas.