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MAYOR DEMARIA PROMOTES 7 OFFICERS & APPOINTS 5 INTO EPD *DeMaria administration focused on quality of life issues for all residents*

On Monday, September 25th Mayor Carlo DeMaria promoted Sgt. Chris Hannon, Sgt. Richard Ditrapano, and Sgt. Tino Rozza to the rank of Lieutenant as well as Ofc. Alfred Sabella, Ofc. Regina Collyer, Ofc. Thomas Leyne, and Ofc. Dennis O'Donnell to the rank of Sergeant. The Mayor also appointed Stephen Berardino, Stephen Ramuno, Brian Colantuoni, Anthony Crucioti, and Alex Vieira as Patrolmen in the EPD.

These promotions and appointments are part of a plan to prepare the department to meet the population and business growth in the City of Everett as well as focusing on the quality of life in our community. As part of Mayor DeMaria's community oriented law enforcement vision, these changes are intended to continue the positive gains made in service and community relations. In addition, these promotions will help to expedite the continuing downward trend in overall crime that the City has seen in the past nine years and increase diversity among the ranks in the EPD. Most notably, Sgt. Regina Collyer has the distinction of being the first woman Sergeant in the history of the Everett Police Department and is the daughter of retired Everett Police Officer Adolph Mazzie.

Mayor DeMaria stated, "Everett has been named one of the top 10 communities to live in because we focus on quality of life issues that impact our residents everyday. Today, I am happy to announce that we are expanding those efforts. We will now have more officers interacting with the public, by expanding our presence on the streets, in the schools, and the parks."

Since 2013, as Everett has experienced a resurgence, the Mayor has been working to increase police presence. With today's announcement, the new officers bring the department up to 108 officers with 5 more cadets in various police academies, who will come on board in the next 2 to 7 months.

In addition to increasing a police presence in Everett, Mayor DeMaria has focused on other quality of life issues, including code enforcement, affordability, and improving open space. Mayor DeMaria has made it a priority to identify and remediate blighted, abandoned, and illegal properties. In August, Mayor DeMaria appointed Keith Slattery as Assistant City Solicitor. Solicitor Slattery has worked with the Inspectional Services

Department to already visit over two- dozen properties throughout the City, resulting in corrections of most code violations on the properties.

In March, the City Council approved Mayor DeMaria's inclusionary zoning ordinance. The ordinance establishes a policy whereby new housing developments of a certain size are required to include at least 10% of units at rates affordable to low- or- moderate-income residents, as defined by state regulations. The ordinance also includes a local preference option for Everett residents.

Mayor DeMaria has also emphasized the importance of building a strong community foundation and the significance of renovation and development within the City, especially to community areas such as parks and playgrounds. Since 2008, dozens of parks have either been renovated or upgraded. The Mayor has or plans to re-do all of Everett's parks, recreational amenities and tot lots over the next 5 years.

Chief Mazzie stated, "I want to thank both the Mayor and the City Council for working with us to meet and exceed the department and communities needs as the City transforms itself. We will continue to put forth our best efforts to help make Everett a great place to work, live and play."

Background on police promotions and appointees:

Promoted to Lieutenant was Christopher Hannon, a 15-year veteran of the Department. Lt. Hannon currently is the officer in charge of the Everett Police Department Traffic Department. Lt. Richard Ditrapano is a 12-year veteran of the department and is currently assigned to the night patrol division. Lt. Ditrapano previously served with the Melrose Police Department for several years before transferring to Everett Police Department. Lt. Sabatino Rozza is a 22-year veteran of the department and is currently assigned to the Mayor's Office as the department liaison to city hall.

Promoted to Sergeant was Thomas Leyne, a 13-year veteran officer in the night patrol division. Sergeant Leyne previously served on the Lexington Police Department for several years before coming to Everett. Sergeant Regina Collyer is a 28-year veteran of the Everett Police Department. Sgt. Collyer is the daughter of retired Everett Police Officer Adolph Mazzie and has the distinction of being the first woman Sergeant in the history of the Everett Police Department. Sgt. Collyer is the sister of Chief of Police Steven Mazzie, Sergeant John Mazzie and Patrol Officer Paul Mazzie and is married to Revere Police Captain Dennis Collyer. Sergeant Alfred Sabella is a 24-year veteran of the Everett Police Department currently serving in the night patrol division. Sergeant Sabella is the father of patrol officer Stephen Sabella. Sergeant Dennis O'Donnell is a 23-year veteran of the Everett Police Department and is assigned to the Everett Police Department Community Services division.

Sworn in before Mayor DeMaria and the Everett City Council was Patrolman Stephen Berardino who transferred from the Merrimack College Police Department. Patrolman Stephen Ramunno, Brian Colantuoni, Anthony Crucioti and Alex Vieira all graduated

from the Reading Police Academy in August. All new patrol officers are currently participating in the Everett Police Department Field Training Officer program.

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