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RI Police Chiefs' Association appoints Colonel James J. Mendonca to serve as its President

CENTRAL FALLS – The Rhode Island Police Chiefs' Association held their 2018 Installation of Officers on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at Kirkbrea Country Club in Lincoln where Central Falls Police Chief, Colonel James J. Mendonca, was sworn in to serve as their fifty-fifth president.

Established in 1950, the mission of the Rhode Island Police Chiefs' Association is to assist its members – and all law enforcement officers in the State of Rhode Island – with the administration of public safety; to promote harmony and trust between law enforcement and the public; to enhance the effectiveness of law enforcement in the State; to strengthen public confidence in the police profession; and to improve the quality of life in the communities they serve.

“We support our members in a variety of critical areas – and strive to be a strategic partner – to assist police chiefs throughout the state in effectively and professionally serving their communities” said Colonel Mendonca. “I am humbled to have been chosen from amongst my peers to lead such an esteemed group of law enforcement professionals”

The Installation of Officers included: Chief Richard Silva (Westerly Police Department) as Vice-President; Colonel John S. McDonald (Coventry Police Department) as Sergeant at Arms; Chief Sean Corrigan (Narragansett Police

Department) as Secretary; Chief Edward A. Mello (Jamestown Police Department) as Treasurer. Chief Dean Hoxsie (RI Department of Environmental Management) served as the Immediate Past President of the association.

“I would like to congratulate Colonel Mendonca,” said Mayor James A. Diossa. “The Rhode Island Police Chiefs’ Association is getting a President with experience, a leader that is well rounded and educated, but more importantly, a leader who is prudent and sensitive to all affairs presently confronting all police departments – urban, rural, city, and suburban.”

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