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Central Falls Police appoint 3 new officers

First step in implementation of new Community Policing initiative:

CENTRAL FALLS – This Friday, a swearing-in ceremony was conducted at Central Falls City Hall immediately following the 124th Municipal Police Academy Commencement exercises; whereby, three Central Falls police candidates graduated.

The officers; Brian T. Graves (26), Randy S. Bell (21) and Yomaira Rodriguez (25) were appointed by Mayor James A. Diossa and Chief of Police, Colonel James J. Mendonca, before a large audience of friends, family members, city officials, and colleagues within the ranks of Central Falls Police Department.

The officers will soon undergo a challenging twelve-week Field Training and Evaluations Program, and upon successful completion, will bring the police department's compliment of officers to thirty-nine.

Additionally, the new officers will allow for the establishment of a long awaited Crime Suppression Unit (CSU) which will be composed of a team of three officers assigned to the 4-12 shift. These officers have been selected due to their high degree of motivation and the ability to demonstrate a proactive approach to preventing crime.

CSU will fall under the auspices of the newly established Community Policing Bureau whose mission will be to work closely with the community and to take all information collected from all resources available and to establish a plan of action; execute that plan and follow-up with an assessment of the response and its effectiveness. CSU is specifically designed to provide the Central Falls Police Department

with the ability to quickly address emerging crime trends and tackle problem areas. CSU will allow the department to direct resources to a specific problem without diverting patrol officers from responding to calls for service.

The overriding philosophy of the CSU is that crime can be deterred from occurring through highly proactive enforcement, and through directed enforcement, following creative problem oriented and community policing strategies, along with data-driven crime analyses.

CSU officers will work in a variety of marked and unmarked vehicles and foot patrols depending on the specific problem they are addressing. The goal of all these activities is to improve the safety and the quality of life for Central Falls residents and visitors.

“This is just another example of this agency’s commitment,” said Colonel Mendonca. “No police department can solve crime or quality of life issues alone; as such, we strongly encourage the community to become more involved with their police department in order to forge a stronger cooperative partnership that is built upon mutual trust and respect. Together, we can achieve our fundamental goal, which is to make the City of Central Falls a better place to live, work and visit.”

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