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Central Falls Police promote one; award dozens others:

CENTRAL FALLS – At a ceremony on Wednesday, May 7th, Mayor James A. Diossa administered the oath of office to Captain Dorian R. Rave a fourteen year distinguished veteran of the Central Falls Police Department. In addition, dozens of other members of the agency were presented commendations, unit citations and letters of recognition during an awards ceremony that followed.

Of the honorees, the most cheers went to the Animal Control Officer, Charlene Gaffney, who was presented a community service award for demonstrating a sound commitment to the general welfare and enrichment of the community beyond the normal scope of her duties, and Officer William J. Orellana, who was presented the officer of the year award, an honor bestowed annually by the Chief of Police, at his discretion, when it is felt that a sworn department member has consistently performed at an exceptional manor keeping with the high standards and moral values of the Central Falls Police Department.

Captain Rave, who was nominated by the chief of police, Colonel James J. Mendonca and ratified by the Mayor, was received enthusiastically, along with the award recipients, by an audience of friends; family members; department colleagues; and local elected officials.

In addition to being promoted, Captain Rave was issued a plaque for his dedicated service during his previous assignment as the Detective Bureau Commander along with a commendation medal for his leadership and vital participation in solving an investigation of a double homicide which took place last July 3 on Sylvian Street.

Captain Rave will now take command of the Administrative Division, overseeing the Office of Professional Standards and Training. The post vacated by his promotion will be filled by Lieutenant John C. Carroll who was chosen by Colonel Mendonca to head the Detective Bureau.

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