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Mayor Announces Promotion of Police Lieutenant

Middletown, Connecticut: Mayor Sebastian N. Giuliano announced today that he has approved Acting Chief Patrick McMahon's choice for promotion to Lieutenant. Sergeant Christopher Lavoie, a member of the department since August of 1998 will be promoted to Lieutenant this Friday, January 29, 2010. Sgt. Lavoie was one of three candidates who tested for the position. Sergeant Lavoie has held his current rank since November of 2006.

In making the selection, Mayor Giuliano was impressed and pleased by the inclusiveness of department personnel utilized by Acting Chief McMahon. In McMahon's recommendation to the Mayor he indicates that "In reaching this recommendation, I spoke at length with the department's command staff (Deputy Chief and all three captains) for their input on the three candidates on the lieutenant's eligibility list. The overall consensus was that Sgt. Lavoie was clearly the best candidate for promotion to lieutenant, to which I concurred."

"Acting Chief McMahon incorporated 73 years of combined experience (length of service for Acting Deputy Chief Sneed; Captain William McKenna; Captain Patrick Howard and Captain Margaret Liseo) to reach a consensus on who would be better suited to move up in to a position of command. I do not believe that this exercise has ever existed within the department's structure and it shows that the Acting Chief is committed to working and listening to the experience of his commanders and supporting their ideas, concerns and directions. I applaud this type of inclusiveness and I believe it shows this community that Middletown Police is moving in the right direction," concluded Giuliano.

Sergeant Lavoie will be sworn in at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.