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Town of Danvers Names New Police Chief & Police Captain

Danvers, MA – Danvers Town Manager Steve Bartha is pleased to announce the appointments of Captain James (Jamie) Lovell as the Town’s new Police Chief, effective June 14, 2021, and Lieutenant Ashley Sanborn as the Town’s new Police Captain (filling the position being vacated by Captain Lovell), effective July 5, 2021.

“I have enjoyed watching Jamie and Ashley’s career development over the past six-and-a-half years and believe that they, along with Captain Phil Tansey, will strive to make an already great department even stronger,” said Bartha. “I was particularly impressed by their commitment to community engagement and relationship building, and look forward to working with them in their new roles.”

In April, the Town held an assessment center in compliance with Massachusetts Civil Service hiring procedures to determine hiring lists for Chief and Captain. Follow up interviews were conducted by the Town Manager in May.

Lovell holds a master’s degree in criminal justice from Salem State College, completed the PERF Senior Management Institute for Police (session 75), and graduated from the MMA/Suffolk Leadership & Management Certificate program. He joined the Department in 1998, was promoted to Sergeant in 2007, Lieutenant in 2013, and in September 2015 to Captain. Lovell was appointed in 2020 to serve on the Town’s Welcoming Community Working Group, which presented its recommendations to the Select Board on April 20, 2021.

Sanborn holds a master’s degree in criminal justice and a graduate certificate in leadership and policy development from UMass Lowell and graduated from the MMA/Suffolk Leadership & Management Certificate program. She joined the Department in 2007, was promoted to Sergeant in 2015 and Lieutenant in September 2017 and is currently the Department’s Accreditation Manager/Officer in Charge of the Day Shift. Sanborn has previously served as a liaison to the Human Rights and Inclusion Committee.

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