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Police Director Lisa Burgess Resigns Position. Captain David M. Guarino named Officer in Charge.

Effective June 23, 2021, Ms. Lisa Burgess will no longer hold the position of Plainfield Police Director. Citing personal reasons, Director Burgess has concluded that it is in her best interest to step down from her current position. Over the past 35 years, Director Burgess has served the Plainfield Police department honorably and presented nothing but excellence in all her endeavors. During her time with the department, Director Burgess has worn many hats, ranging from her time spent with the Union County Prosecutor's Office to the Domestic Violence Unit Supervisor. On January 7, 2016, Director Burgess became the City's first African American female Lieutenant, and on May 17, 2019, she took the oath as the first female Police Director for the City of Plainfield. Thanks to Director Burgess's hard work and dedication, the Plainfield Police department was able to successfully navigate many obstacles, including a global pandemic and the protests following the murder of George Floyd. Director Burgess will be missed.

Captain David M. Guarino will be Officer in Charge of the Department for day to day operations. Captain Guarino is a 35-year veteran officer of the Plainfield police department who has handled numerous assignments throughout his years. Captain Guarino started as a Patrol officer but was transferred to the Narcotics Unit. In subsequent years, his commitment and passion for upholding the law led to his promotion to Sergeant in 1998, Lieutenant in 2001, and finally to Captain on August 30, 2013. Today, besides attending to his duties as Captain, David Guarino is also the primary organizer of the Quality of Life Task Force for the City of Plainfield. He supervises the Record/Service Bureau and facility management of the division.

"We appreciate the time, effort, and dedication that Director Burgess has given to the Plainfield community in her capacity first as a Police Officer and then as the Police Director. We respect her wishes to move on to the next chapter in her life, and we wish her the very best." Said Mayor Adrian O. Mapp, "We'll ensure that Plainfield's best interests are served by finding someone equally as capable of leading our Police Department. We thank Captain Guarino for his willingness to step up and lead during this time of transition. We are confident that he will serve with the same steadfastness and integrity that he has displayed throughout his career."

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