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New police commander named

Detective Sergeant LaDon Reynolds was promoted to the position of commander at a ceremony today at Village Hall.

Sgt. Reynolds, who began his career with the Oak Park Police Department in 1994, has served in numerous capacities. In addition to detective, he has been a patrol officer, juvenile officer, tactical officer and firearms instructor.

Reynolds was promoted to sergeant in 2001 and served as a field training supervisor. In 2005, he was transferred to the Detective Division where, in addition to his detective sergeant responsibilities, he served as tactical response supervisor.

Reynolds, who holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Southern Illinois University, currently is pursuing a Master of Public Administration degree from the Illinois Institute of Technology.

"I am very pleased to make this promotion," said Police Chief Rick C. Tanksley, who announced the promotion. "Commander Reynolds is a high performer who has consistently exhibited leadership in every position he has held. I expect that tradition to continue as he takes on the important duties of a police commander."

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