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Moultonborough Fills Open Slot and Promotes Police Officers

The Moultonborough Police Department (MPD) vacancy created with the promotion of Thomas R. Dawson to the rank of Chief has been filled. At its March 18th meeting the SelectBoard appointed James Quinlan as the Department's newest officer. Mr. Quinlan is a native of Methuen, MA and recently earned his B.S. in Criminal Justice from Bridgewater State College. He begins immediate field training with the MPD and enters the New Hampshire Police Academy in late April for his full-time police certification training.

In a related move there were a series of promotions from within as well. Chief Dawson announced that Detective Corporal Scott J. Fulton and Corporal Joseph T. Canfield were recommended for promotion to the rank of Sergeant, as well as Master Patrol Officer Jason Boucher for promotion to the rank of Corporal.

Sgt. Fulton has served as a NH Police Officer since November of 1998 and joined the MPD in March of 2000. He is a graduate of Dean Junior College with an Associates degree in Criminal Justice and Bridgewater State College, where he earned his Bachelor's degree in Sociology. Sgt. Fulton has been in charge of criminal investigations for the last 4 ½ years. In his new position, Sgt. Fulton will be the Support Services Bureau Commander, encompassing the School Resource Officer, Detective, Communications and Community programs. Sgt. Fulton earned his instructor certification as an intermediate range weapons instructor as well as a defensive driving instructor and also serves as the MPD Evidence Officer.

Sgt. Canfield has served as a full-time NH Police Officer since March of 2001 and joined the MPD in March of 2003. Sgt. Canfield has served as a patrol supervisor for the last 2 ½ years. In his new position, he will remain in what is the backbone of the department, patrol, as the Operations Division Commander. He also serves as the department's lead firearms instructor and also holds instructor certifications in Taser, OC, shotgun and rifle. Additionally, he will act as the department's Quartermaster, responsible for equipping and controlling all department uniforms, firearms and equipment.

Corporal Boucher has served with the MPD since November of 2001. He holds instructor certifications in firearms, shotgun and rifle and serves as a field training officer for the department. He was employed previously with the Maine Department of Fish & Game, for 3 ½ years as a Deputy Warden. His new assignment will be as a shift supervisor for patrol. Cpl. Boucher will also assume the role of vehicle maintenance officer and be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of all cruisers and other vehicles. He is a veteran with 8 years of service with the United States Air Force in the Security Forces Squadron.

All those promoted are also graduates of the Roger Williams Law Enforcement Training Institute, in Rhode Island, having completed its supervisory and leadership training program. Chief Dawson said, "I am proud to have these excellent leaders as part of my command staff. I look forward to working with them in their new positions for the betterment of the community and the law enforcement service."

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