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ROCKPORT PD ANNOUNCES PROMOTIONS

ROCKPORT, TX – Rockport Police Chief Greg Stevens promoted three Rockport Police Department (RDP) officers during the regular Rockport City Council meeting on August 27, 2019. The individuals and their years of service with RDP are Detective Tchanee Meissner (6 years), Patrol Officer David Rollins (17 years) and Detective James Wilson (26 years).

These officers were selected for promotion through a competitive process, which included filing a letter of intent; an assessment of relevant training, education and experience; and an oral interview board, which included individuals outside of the Police Department. Scores from all phases were aggregated to create a promotional list.

“Retention and advancement are vital to a progressive police department,” noted Chief Stevens. “At the same time, it’s important to recognize these officers for their long-standing commitment to the City and its residents.”

The rank of Lieutenant is the first line of supervision in the RPD. The newly promoted officers will each lead a uniform patrol platoon, reporting directly to RPD Commander Larry Sinclair.



Newly promoted lieutenants (L-R) James Wilson, Tchanee Meissner and David Rollins.

Bios

Lieutenant Meissner began her career in Law Enforcement as a Telecommunications Operator (Dispatcher) at the White Oak, Texas Police Department. While employed with WOPD, she attended and graduated from the East Texas Police Academy in Kilgore, Texas in 2010. After graduation, she was hired at the Gladewater, Texas Police Department as a patrol officer. In 2013, Lieutenant Meissner followed in the footsteps of her mother (a former RPD police officer) and joined the Rockport Police Department.

After working three years in the RPD Patrol Division, Lieutenant Meissner was promoted to Detective and transferred to the RPD Criminal Investigations Division. Since employed with RPD, Lieutenant Meissner has obtained her Intermediate and later Advanced Peace Officer Certificates. She has earned an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Del Mar College, where she is now also an Adjunct Instructor for the Del Mar Regional Police Academy.

Lieutenant Miessner holds Texas Commission On Law Enforcement certifications as a Field Training Officer, a Basic Instructor, and a Sexual Assault and Family Violence Special Investigator.

Lieutenant Rollins has a total of 22 years of service as a Law Enforcement Officer. Of those 22 years, 17 have been with the Rockport Police Department. Lieutenant Rollins attended the West Central Texas Regional Law Enforcement Academy in Abilene, Texas, and after graduating from the academy in 1997, he began his law enforcement career with the Cisco Police Department. Lieutenant Rollin later worked for the Eastland County Sheriff's Office and the Johnson County Sheriff's Office before starting with the Rockport Police department in 2002.

During his tenure with the RPD Lieutenant Rollins has been an Intoxilyzer Operator and a Marine Safety Enforcement Officer. Lieutenant Rollins received his Master Peace Officer's Certificate, Mental Health Officer Certificate and many awards throughout his career. Among those awards are the Medal of Valor from the Rockport Police Department and a Life Saving Award from the Rockport Fire Department.

Before joining the Rockport Police Department, **Lieutenant Wilson** started his law enforcement career with the Dallas County Sheriff's Office assigned to the Central Intake Division as an identification technician and training officer. Lieutenant Wilson has been employed with the RPD since 1993. During his tenure with the department, he has performed duties as patrolman, fire marshal, detective, administrative sergeant and patrol lieutenant. Lieutenant Wilson is on his 26th year with the City of Rockport.

Lieutenant Wilson holds a Master Peace Officer's license through the Texas Commission On Law Enforcement and has attended thousands of hours of training, specializing in criminal investigations and defense tactics. Lieutenant Wilson has spent his entire 26 years living in the Rockport area and has one son, William "Cole" Wilson who graduated from R-F High School and Texas A&M Corpus Christi.