LAPD Announces Historic Promotion

Los Angeles: Los Angeles Police Chief Michel R. Moore has announced the promotion of the Department’s first female African American Deputy Chief.

Commander Regina Scott was the first female African American to achieve the rank of Commander, and with her new promotion, Deputy Chief Scott will become the LAPD’s first female African American to achieve the rank of Deputy Chief.

“Regina embodies the spirit of the Los Angeles Police Department with a balance of determination, excellence and heart,” said Chief Moore. “In her new role as Deputy Chief, she will undoubtedly continue that quality work with an emphasis on building bridges, creating healthy communities and fighting crime.”

Deputy Chief Scott joined the LAPD in July 1987. She has held numerous positions and worked a variety of assignments within all Bureaus of the Department. Deputy Chief Scott was the Commanding Officer of Information Technology Bureau; in charge of the design, development and ongoing innovation of the Department’s automated computer systems. With her new promotion, Chief Scott will take Command of Operations Central Bureau which oversees Central, Central Traffic, Northeast, Rampart, Hollenbeck and Newton Community Police Stations. Central Bureau is home to over 900,000 residents and encompasses 65 square miles. Central Bureau’s population is the most ethnically and culturally diverse in the City.

Of the appointment, Deputy Chief Scott said: “I am both honored and humbled by this historic promotion. This promotion is more than just me, it is for those who paved the road before me, and those who dare to dream big. I want to thank Chief Moore for having the courage and insight for real change and reform. I am ready to help build trust and help bridge the gap between the police and communities we serve.”

Deputy Chief Scott is a New Jersey native who started her career of service as she joined the United States Army after high school. Deputy Chief Scott is a proud military-mom of a daughter currently serving in the United States Air Force and her son works for the Department of Transportation. In her spare time, Chief Scott enjoys playing with her three grandchildren, golf and plays the blues on her guitar.

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