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### **Mayor Fulop Boosts Public Safety with Latest Promotions of Over 60 Police Detectives and Sergeants**

*Nearly 500 Police Promotions in Jersey City under Fulop Administration*

**JERSEY CITY, NJ** — Mayor Steven M. Fulop joined the City Council, Public Safety officials, JCPD officers, and community members for [today's ceremony](#) promoting more than 60 Jersey City Police Officers, advancing over 30 to the rank of Detective and more than 30 new Sergeants.

With today's ceremony, Mayor Fulop has administered nearly 500 promotions within the Jersey City Police Department.



"Promotions within the police force are not just a recognition of individual achievement but also a strategic move to ensure we have the right leaders in place to address the complex challenges of modern policing," **Mayor Fulop** said of today's ceremony. "We are proud of our officers and confident in their ability to continue to protect and serve our community."

The Fulop Administration has prioritized public safety, leading to the lowest homicide rate among the top 100 East Coast cities in 2023. These efforts have contributed to a safer city and have strengthened the relationship between law enforcement and the community.

**Public Safety Director James Shea** highlighted the importance of these promotions in enhancing the department's operational effectiveness. "These latest promotions reflect our dedication to maintaining a strong, capable, and well-trained police force. Our officers have demonstrated exceptional dedication and professionalism, and these advancements are well-deserved."

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## **SWEARING IN FOR NEW SERGEANTS**

Anthony Scally  
Jessica Fernandez-Cruz  
Melissa A. Ona  
Gina M. Sandwith  
Emily A. Herdoiza  
Edmund W. Redmond  
Matthew T. Destefano  
Cynthia J. Cowan  
Kevin C. Geib  
Humberto Portuondo Jr.  
Raphael M. Minkarious  
Frankie J. Marto III  
Michael F. Petronella  
Luis R. Matias  
Joseph Sandwith  
Frank J. Martinez

Ryan A. Ali  
Tommy Zambrzycki  
Chris Otundo  
James R. Woods IV  
Jeans C. Acevedo  
David J. Weber  
Lucas Abreu Espinal  
Erik M. Infantes  
Michael J. Chiarella  
Travis L. Evans  
Megan A. Bara  
Steve Gerges  
Edwin Perez Jr  
Alberto Cotto  
Jennie Ramos

## **SWEARING IN FOR NEW DETECTIVES**

Francisco Rivera  
Joseph Crecco  
Clarence Dabney  
Bosede Clark  
Franklin Delo Santos  
Shady Azmy  
Rocco Lucciola  
Chanel Thomas  
Gladys J. Villegas  
Courtney E. Solomon  
Raundy Mendoza  
James Gaston  
Tereya Adams  
Annalicia Vega  
Amanda Martinez  
Michael Debari  
Ismail Soliman  
Brian Gallagher

Raymond Sanchez  
Miguel Suarez  
Joshua Beniquez  
Nicholas Diamantopolous  
Jameka Gaston  
Wilfredo Mena-Erazo  
Anthony Rotondo  
Andrew Martinez  
Isaac Holmes IV  
Timothy Coletta  
Bryant Rowan  
Vincent Youncofski  
Drew A. Grapstul  
Vernice Walters  
Eduardo Matue  
Gloria A. Chavez  
Brian M. Tuazon

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