



LOUISVILLE METRO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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INTERIM CHIEF JACQUELYN GWINN-VILLAROEL SWORN IN BY MAYOR CRAIG GREENBERG *Interim Chief previously served as Deputy Chief of Police*

(LOUISVILLE, Ky. January 2, 2023) – This afternoon, Mayor Craig Greenberg swore in Jacquelyn Gwinn-Villaroel as interim chief of police. The ceremony took place before Louisville Metro Police Department’s command staff and city leaders in the mayor’s gallery at Louisville Metro Hall, just a few hours after Mayor Greenberg was inaugurated as Louisville’s 51st mayor. Interim Chief Gwinn-Villaroel previously served LMPD since February as deputy chief under Chief Erika Shields. As deputy chief, Interim Chief Gwinn-Villaroel was second in command, assisting with the oversight of LMPD’s daily operations.

“It is truly an honor to be able to serve as the chief of this great department. The men and women within this department, both sworn and professional, are tremendous individuals. My goal is to make sure that I continue to move this department forward and support this city in every aspect”, said Interim Chief Gwinn-Villaroel.

Prior to moving to Louisville, Chief Gwinn-Villaroel served the Atlanta Police Department (APD) for 24 years. Some of her assignments included patrol officer, field investigation officer, and she worked in the following units as a detective: Vice, Narcotics, Gangs and Guns, and Domestic Violence. At APD, Gwinn-Villaroel rose to the rank of Major and was assigned to the Police Training Academy. The interim chief’s collective prior experience, both in Atlanta and Louisville, has well-prepared her for her new role as commander of the Louisville Metro Police Department.

“The citizens are depending on us and we have a responsibility to ensure that everyone is safe in our city. Mayor, I do appreciate you having the confidence in me to lead this department and to work with you and all of our city officials,” she said.

Interim Chief Gwinn-Villaroel holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice and a Master’s Degree in Public Safety Administration. She is also affiliated with numerous professional organizations, including the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), and the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF). Additionally, Interim Chief Gwinn-Villaroel is an ordained pastor and remains passionate about community engagement and being a servant leader.

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