NEWS RELEASE

Baltimore, MD (December 27, 2012): Communities across the City of Baltimore are getting new police leadership. The announcement comes as Police Commissioner Anthony Batts begins to implement strategic changes to help ensure the department has a strong foundation in place to start 2013 with a distinct plan to attack crime and disorder.

"Maximizing our most valuable resource — our employees — and ensuring we have the best leadership teams in place to take on the challenges we face in 2013 is the impetus behind these moves," says Batts. "We are putting the people and systems in place to help improve our crime fight and that includes better management of our resources, community engagement, and a continued and targeted focus on guns and gangs — that small group of criminals who wreak havoc on our communities."

The changes include the addition of a Community Policing Division led by newly promoted Lt. Colonel Melvin Russell, a mainstay commander who successfully drove down crime in the Eastern Division through the implementation of a strong community policing strategy. Commissioner Batts intends to take this best practice across the city.

A new Special Enforcement tangent of Patrol, led by Lt. Colonel Ross Buzzuro and assisted by Major Clifton McWhite, formerly of Western District, will focus on special operations and zone enforcement teams that will concentrate on gangs and guns and bring stability to neighborhoods that are experiencing higher crime rates. Garnell Green, most recently in charge of Homicides in the Criminal Investigations Division (CID), has been promoted to Colonel and will command the Patrol Division, while Major Darryl De Sousa is promoted to Lt. Colonel to oversee the Area 1 Command. Area 2 Command remains under the auspices of Lt. Colonel Robert Booker.

Colonel Dean Palmere, who most recently led Patrol, will take the reins of CID, taking over from the retiring Colonel Jesse Oden. Deputy Commissioner John Skinner remains in charge of overall Operations.

There will be four new faces added to district commands with the promotion of Lieutenants Kim Burris, Osborne ‘Moe’ Robinson, Deron Garrity and Erik Pecha to the rank of Captain and second-in-command of districts. Captains Melissa Hyatt, Keith Matthews, and Robert Smith are all being promoted to Major to take command of Central, Eastern and Western Districts respectively.

"We have full confidence in the abilities of those we have promoted and those moving to new challenges. We encourage our communities to welcome their leadership teams and continue to support the face of public safety in their neighborhoods."

The changes are the beginning of a number of coordinated and strategic efforts to improve policing through a strategic crime focus, improved intelligence gathering and sharing, and a renewed commitment to proactive policing and community engagement.

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Blow-out Organizational Chart – Operations

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PROMOTIONS

Colonel Garnell Green

Garnell Green of the Criminal Investigation Division is promoted to Colonel of the Patrol Division. Colonel Green recently served as the Homicide Section commander and previously served as an Area Commander for the Patrol Division. Colonel Green joined the Baltimore Police Department in 1989 and has been awarded two Unit Citations and one Division Chief’s Award during his career.

Lieutenant Colonel Darryl DeSousa

Darryl DeSousa of the Northeastern District is promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in the Patrol Division. Lt. Colonel DeSousa will oversee the Area 1 Command including the Southeastern, Eastern, Northern, and Northeastern Districts. Lt. Colonel DeSousa has been assigned to the Northeastern District since 2008. Lt. Colonel DeSousa joined the Baltimore Police Department in 1988 and has been awarded the Bronze Star and two Unit Citations during his career.

Lieutenant Colonel Melvin Russell

Melvin Russell of the Eastern District is promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel of the new Community Policing Division. Lt. Colonel Russell had been assigned to the Eastern District since 2008. While commanding the Eastern District, Lt. Colonel Russell successfully reduced crime through the implementation of a strong community policing strategy. Lt. Colonel Russell joined the Baltimore Police Department in 1979 and has been awarded seven official commendations including three Unit Citations and a Bronze Star.

Major Melissa Hyatt

Melissa Hyatt of the Southeastern District is promoted to Major of the Central District. Major Hyatt has previously served in various tactical assignments, including SWAT, and the Tri-District Initiative, which focused on reducing violent crime in the Southwest section of the city. Major Hyatt joined the Baltimore Police Department in 1997 and has been awarded four official commendations including one Unit Citation and the Bronze Star of Valor during her career.
Major Dan Lioi

Dan Lioi of the Criminal Investigation Division is promoted to Major of the Intelligence Section. Major Lioi was recently the commander the District Detective Unit. Prior to that, Major Lioi served in various investigative units throughout the city. Major Lioi joined the Baltimore Police Department in 1994 and has been awarded three official commendations including one Unit Citation during his career.

Major Keith Matthews

Keith Matthews of the Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance Section is promoted to Major of the Eastern District. Major Matthews has previously served in the Internal Investigation Division along with various assignments within the Patrol Division. Major Matthews joined the Baltimore Police Department in 1981 and has been awarded three official commendations including one Unit Citation during his career.

Major Robert Smith

Robert Smith is promoted to the rank of Major and remains at the Western District. Prior to being assigned to Western, Major Smith commanded the Pennsylvania Avenue Initiative which was focused on reducing violence along the Pennsylvania Avenue corridor. Major Smith joined the Baltimore Police Department in 1988 and has been awarded four official commendations including one Unit Citation and the Bronze Star of Valor during his career.

Major Richard Worley, Jr.

Richard Worley, Jr. of the Northern District is promoted to Major of the Northeastern District. Major Worley most recently served as the deputy district commander of the Northern District. Major Worley has previously served in various assignments within the Patrol Division. Major Worley joined the Baltimore Police Department in 1998.

Captain Stanley Brandford

Stanley Brandford of the Criminal Investigation Division (CID) is promoted to Captain of the Homicide Section. Captain Brandford will be oversee homicide investigations. Captain Brandford has previously served in various investigative assignments within the CID. Captain Brandford joined the Baltimore Police Department in 1990 and has
been awarded one Official Commendation and the Bronze Star during his career.

**Captain Kimberly Burrus**

Lieutenant Kimberly Burrus of the District Detective Unit is promoted to Captain of the Southeastern District. Captain Burrus has previously served in various criminal investigative and patrol functions. Captain Burrus joined the Baltimore Police Department in 1997 and has been awarded the Bronze Star during her career.

**Captain Deron Garrity**

Deron Garrity of the Southeastern District is promoted to Captain of the Northern District. Captain Garrity has been assigned to the Southeastern District since 2009. Captain Garrity worked in various tactical and patrol assignments prior to the Southeastern District. Captain Garrity joined the Baltimore Police Department in 1990 and has been awarded eight official commendations including three Unit Citations, two Bronze Stars, and one Special Service Commendation.

**Captain Osborne ‘Moe’ Robinson**

Lieutenant Osborne ‘Moe’ Robinson of the Patrol Division is promoted to Captain of the Northeastern District. Captain Robinson recently served as a shift commander in the Northeastern District and is familiar with many of the neighborhoods and community members in northeast Baltimore. Captain Robinson joined the Baltimore Police Department in 1993 and has been awarded the Bronze Star and one Special Service Commendation.

**Captain Erik Pecha**

Erik Pecha of the Patrol Division is promoted to Captain of the Western District. Captain Pecha recently served as a shift commander in the Western District and brings a strong understanding of the concerns and needs of the Western District. Captain Pecha joined the Baltimore Police Department in 1994 and has been awarded one Official Commendation and one Unit Citation during his career.

**Captain Gordon Schluderberg, Jr.**

Gordon Schluderberg, Jr. is promoted to Captain of the Special Operations Section. Captain Schluderberg has previously served in various assignments within the Special
Operations Section including commander of the SWAT team. Captain Schluderberg joined the Baltimore Police Department in 1993 and has been awarded three official commendations including a Bronze Star during his career.