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East Hartford, CT – The Town of East Hartford and the East Hartford Police Department are happy to announce the appointment two new Deputy Chiefs.

The Town of East Hartford recently appointed Ricardo Soto and Christopher Davis as new Deputy Chiefs for the East Hartford Police Department.

Deputy Soto has been working at the East Hartford Police Department since 1993, while Deputy Chief Davis comes to the town from Manchester after about 25 years of service with the Manchester Police Department.

Deputy Chief Soto began his career with the East Hartford Police Department 25 years ago in the Patrol Division and has also served in the Juvenile Division, Management Services Division, the Training Division, the Office of Professional Standards and the Criminal Investigations Bureau. He rose through the ranks from patrolman through Lieutenant until his most recent promotion to Deputy Chief on July 16, 2018.

“Deputy Chief Soto has been instrumental in the success of the East Hartford Police Department and I am pleased to know that he will continue his work with the agency in this new capacity,” said Mayor Marcia Leclerc.

Deputy Chief Soto is assigned to Support Services Bureau, which includes responsibilities of managing Public Safety Communications, managing Information Systems and the Records Division as well as Fleet Management, Property Unit, budgeting and more.

“During the five years I’ve been Chief, I have worked closely with Deputy Chief Soto on many occasions and projects,” EHPD Chief Scott Sansom said. “I have seen first-hand his ability to apply the 25 years of experience he has with the East Hartford Police Department to his assignments, and the positive effect his service has had on our agency. We’re fortunate he’s remaining with the Department, and proud to appoint him as Deputy Chief.”

Deputy Chief Soto received a Bachelor of Science degree with a concentration in Public Safety Administration from Charter Oak State College.

Deputy Chief Davis comes to East Hartford from the neighboring Town of Manchester and his experience will be an exceptional contribution to the Town of East Hartford and the East Hartford Police Department. Deputy Chief Davis will begin in his new position on September 24.

Deputy Chief Davis began his law enforcement career as a patrol officer in Manchester in 1994. Prior to that, he worked as an auxiliary police officer in Groton. He rose through the ranks to Captain at the Manchester Police Department and served in patrol, the detective bureau as well as on a warrant squad. He was also the head of the regional narcotics task force. For the past 14 years Deputy Chief Davis served as the public information officer for the Manchester Police Department. Throughout his law enforcement career, he supervised the field training officer program and the honor guard.

“Deputy Chief Davis had a successful career with the Manchester Police Department and he will be an invaluable asset to the Town of East Hartford and our police department,” said Mayor Leclerc.

Deputy Chief Davis received his bachelor’s degree in sociology from Eastern Connecticut State University and a master’s degree in criminal justice from Boston University. He also teaches criminal justice at Eastern Connecticut State University and Manchester Community College.

“We welcome Deputy Chief Chris Davis, although he is hardly new to us,” Chief Sansom said. “His years of leadership and experience with the Manchester Police Department and within the Capital Region are highly regarded and have proven to be invaluable. We look forward to his career continuing with the East Hartford Police Department.”

Deputy Chief Davis’ responsibilities with the East Hartford Police Department will include supervision of professional standards, including officer training, accreditation and internal affairs.

We welcome both Deputy Chiefs to their new positions and wish them best of luck.