Delaware State Police Announce Promotion of Captain Christy Ballinger to the Rank of Major

Colonel Melissa Zebley, Superintendent of the Delaware State Police, proudly announces the promotion of Captain Christy Ballinger to the esteemed rank of Major on January 9th, 2024. Assuming the role of Administrative Officer for the division, Major Ballinger brings a wealth of experience, dedication, and exemplary leadership cultivated over her illustrious two-decade career within the Delaware State Police.

Major Ballinger embarked on her journey with the DSP on July 26, 2002, as a recruit in the 73rd DSP Academy Class. Upon completing her academy training, she was assigned to Troop 1 and Troop 2 for field training. In 2003, she was assigned to Troop 5 patrol. After serving in a uniformed patrol capacity for nearly 8 years, she transitioned to Troop 3 Polygraph in the Criminal Investigations Unit in 2010. In September 2012, she was promoted to Sergeant and assumed the role of patrol shift supervisor at Troop 4 until November 2014.

Over the course of her distinguished career, Major Ballinger has assumed various roles, exemplifying her adaptability and commitment to the Delaware State Police. Serving as a Sergeant in Human Resources-Polygraph from November 2014 to April 2018, Traffic Lieutenant at Troop 7 from April 2018 to May 2019, and Criminal Lieutenant at Troop 7 from May 2019 to October 2021, Major Ballinger has consistently showcased her exceptional leadership skills. Her capacity to oversee a substantial number of patrol troopers, effectively manage troop-level discipline, and actively engage with the community through various events and partnerships with neighboring agencies

highlights her invaluable contributions to the Delaware State Police

In October 2021, she was promoted to the rank of Captain and was subsequently assigned to Troop 5. Serving as Troop Commander of Troop 4 from December 2022 to January 2024, Major Ballinger exhibited outstanding leadership skills while overseeing the activities of patrol troopers and criminal investigators. Her impact extended to key initiatives such as the Troop 4 Building Project, where she played a pivotal role. In addition to her operational responsibilities, Major Ballinger took on the crucial role of Chairperson for the Diversity Council, demonstrating a commitment to fostering an inclusive environment within the Delaware State Police. Her active involvement in the Delaware State Police 100th Anniversary Events Committee further underscored her commitment, contributing significantly to the success of commemorative events during this milestone celebration.

Major Ballinger’s educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Arcadia University. She has also undergone specialized training in polygraph examination from the Maryland Institute of Criminal Justice and is a member of the American Polygraph Association.

Her leadership acumen is highlighted by her graduation from the prestigious Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy in 2023 and her membership in the International Association of Chiefs of Police since 2022.

In her current role as the Administrative Officer for the Delaware State Police, Major Christy Ballinger is poised to continue her contributions to the division and the community. We congratulate Major Ballinger and her family on her well-deserved promotion.