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### **BARRY DUFEK PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF LIEUTENANT**

**PURCELLVILLE, Va. August 30, 2019** — A competitive process for the rank of lieutenant was held by the Police Department and the Human Resources Division. Officer Barry Dufek completed the process with a rating of highly qualified. On Thursday, August 29, 2019, he received the promotion to the rank of Lieutenant.

Lieutenant Dufek joined the Purcellville Police Department in August 2016, however, he began his law enforcement career in 2000 with the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office where he first served as a dispatcher in the Emergency Communications Center. He then applied to become a sworn deputy and began his career as a sworn member of the force. While a member of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, Lieutenant Dufek served as a patrol deputy, a motor deputy, and within the Community Policing Unit. Upon his promotion to sergeant he served as the supervisor overseeing recruitment and hiring. In addition to these duties, Lieutenant Dufek continues to serve as a vehicle and motorcycle lead training instructor at the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Academy's driver training track.

Lieutenant Dufek will serve as the Operations Commander and have direct oversight of patrol operations for the Department. In addition to these duties he will continue managing projects he was assigned prior to his assignment over operations.

Since joining the Department Lieutenant Dufek has proven himself to be a team player, one who can be counted on to support every member of the Purcellville government team and most importantly one who quickly addresses community issues.

Lieutenant Dufek is a Town of Purcellville resident and resides with his wife and two children. A public promotional ceremony will be held on a future date.

*(photo attached)*

#### **The Town of Purcellville, Virginia**

"Purcellville-your small Town, where history and progress intersect and people prosper," is an award-winning town of over 10,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 50 miles west of Washington, DC. Having received the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities, Purcellville continues to be honored for its green initiatives with most recently being the Tree City USA recipient for the 12<sup>th</sup> year. The Town was reaffirmed as a AAA rated community by S&P Global Ratings, the highest credit rating possible, and is recognized as one of the safest towns in Virginia. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, which has been converted to a multi-use trail from Alexandria, VA to Purcellville, the town has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, equestrian activities, farmer's markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at [www.purcellvilleva.gov](http://www.purcellvilleva.gov).

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