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Matthew R. Verderosa Officially Becomes New Chief of the United States Capitol Police

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, Matthew R. Verderosa was sworn in as the new Chief of the United States Capitol Police. Chief Verderosa was first made Acting Chief of Police last night, Sunday March 20th, when Former Chief of Police Kim Dine officially retired from the Department.

“I am truly humbled and honored today,” said Chief Verderosa. “The USCP is one of the finest police departments in the world, and I look forward to working with all of the talented and hardworking women and men on the Department who help keep the Capitol safe and secure.”

Chief Verderosa becomes the ninth Chief of Police in the Department’s long history. The United States Capitol Police department was established in 1827 when President John Quincy Adams established a regular watch force in charge of the Capitol. On May 2, 1828, the Capitol police (who were known as watchmen at the time) were empowered with full law enforcement authority by Congress. It wasn’t until 1958 that the first Chief of Police was permanently detailed to the Department.

Chief Verderosa was appointed to the rank of Assistant Chief on May 1, 2015 by Former Chief of Police Kim Dine. He began his federal law enforcement career in 1985 with the Supreme Court of the United States Police. He soon joined the United States Capitol Police in 1986, and served in a variety of roles providing uniformed patrol duties in both the Uniformed Services Bureau and the Patrol/Mobile Response Division (PMRD). He was promoted in 1990 to Detective and served within the Department's Protective Services Bureau providing dignitary protection, special event planning, and investigative services.

As a sergeant, beginning in 1992, Chief Verderosa held several assignments in the First Responder Unit and the PMRD, and spent four years in the Internal Affairs Division where he conducted both criminal and administrative investigations for the Department.



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Chief Verderosa was promoted to lieutenant in 1998 and was assigned to the Capitol Division, where he drafted and implemented several major security plans including the operational security plan for the Impeachment Trial of the President of the United States, and Senate Chamber security staffing plans. Chief Verderosa served as the Strategic Planning Division Commander and Accreditation Manager, leading the Department to its first accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) in November 2002.

During the 2001 Anthrax Remediation initiative, Chief Verderosa served as an incident command post commander for a period of seven months. In his final assignment as lieutenant, Chief Verderosa served as the Assistant to the Chief of Police, providing oversight to the Administrative Staff until promotion to Captain.

In 2004, as a Captain and later as the Inspector, Chief Verderosa was assigned to the House Division where he served as the Operations Commander and then-Division Commander, providing operational and administrative leadership. He also served as the Chief of Staff for the Chief of Operations where he oversaw staffing initiatives, policy development and assisted the Assistant Chief in coordinating the activities of all operational units.

Promoted to Deputy Chief in 2008, Chief Verderosa served as Commander of the Training Services Bureau, and was responsible for the Department's in-service and Recruit Officer training. Further, he served as Acting Director of the Office of Human Resources, initiating many procedural reforms and internal controls, and also overseeing the human capital portion of the hiring process for the historic merger with the Library of Congress Police. Chief Verderosa also served as the Acting Chief Administrative Officer overseeing the Office of Administration and the Department's administrative functions for approximately one year. As Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Verderosa assisted the Chief Administrative Officer in running the Office of Administration, coordinating Bureau and Office initiatives and collaborative efforts, providing technical assistance and leadership for several sworn promotional processes, and representing the Department to our Congressional oversight entities. From July 2013 to December 2015, Chief Verderosa commanded the Department's Disciplinary Review Task Force, coordinating most Department disciplinary matters for the USCP's Executive Team. Additionally, during the period May to September, 2014, Chief Verderosa served as the Uniformed Services Bureau Commander.

Chief Verderosa holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Delaware and a Master of Science degree in Management from Johns Hopkins University. In May 2016, Chief Verderosa will complete his 31st year of federal law enforcement service.