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## Gleason named to No. 2 post with Virginia Capitol Police

**RICHMOND** – Col. John T. McKee, chief of the Virginia Division of Capitol Police, on Monday named Christopher M. Gleason the agency's second in command.

Gleason, with the rank of major, joins Capitol Police after a 25-year career with the Richmond Police Department, most recently as head of special operations.

"His background in special operations, professional standards and patrol services makes him an excellent fit for this agency as well as our Capitol Square stakeholders," McKee said. "We are fortunate to be able to bring on someone with such a strong track record of service to the Richmond region."

Gleason, a native of Cheektowaga, N.Y., earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Hilbert College and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He joined Richmond in 1998 and worked in patrol operations and on the crowd management team until 2005, when he was promoted to sergeant and a position in special investigations. He was promoted to lieutenant in 2012, when he moved to the North Richmond Sector, and captain in 2015, when he moved to the Third Precinct. He was a disciplinary review officer in the Professional Standards Division from 2019-2020 before being named the department's commander of special operations, where he served until his retirement last month.

Gleason will aid McKee in leading an agency that has roughly 125 employees -- sworn law enforcement officers and civilian support personnel. The division traces its roots to 1618 and is recognized as the oldest law enforcement agency in the United States.

The division is responsible for 24-hour-a-day public safety services to members of the Virginia General Assembly; the governor and his family; lieutenant governor; attorney general; Virginia Supreme Court justices; Court of Appeals judges; thousands of state employees and more than 100,000 annual visitors to the Capitol complex. While its primary responsibility is the Capitol Square area, the division has jurisdiction throughout the city and has close working relationships with Virginia State Police as well as Richmond police and other law enforcement and emergency response agencies across the capital region.



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