

Commander Robert J. Contee

Recruiting Division



Commander Robert J. Contee III was born and raised in Washington, D.C. He attended Charles Young Elementary School, Browne Jr. High School, and graduated with honors from Spingarn Senior High School. He joined the Metropolitan Police Department as a police cadet in November 1989 and became a sworn member of the Department three years later. He quickly rose through the ranks, achieving the rank of Sergeant in 1997, Lieutenant in 2000 and Captain in January 2004.

Recognizing his dedication, commitment, and hard work, Chief of Police Charles H. Ramsey promoted him to Commander in charge of the Second Police District in August 2004, making him the youngest appointed Commander in the Department's history. In April 2006, Commander Contee was transferred to the Special Operations Division, where he was responsible for overseeing tactical patrol, special events and traffic safety functions.

Throughout his career, Commander Contee has served in a variety of assignments, including the Third District as a Patrol Officer, the Second District, and the Training Academy as a Sergeant. Additionally, as a Lieutenant, he worked in the Second District, Regional Operations Command-East, and also led the Intelligence Branch. Prior to being promoted to Commander of the Second District, he served as Captain in charge of the Violent Crimes Branch, which investigates homicides, sexual assaults, and other serious crimes across the city.

Commander Contee has completed the Management College at the Institute for Law Enforcement Administration and the Senior Management Institute for Police (SMIP) of the Police Executive Research Forum in Boston, Massachusetts. Because he is a command official who believes in continuing education in his discipline, he is also studying Police Science at George Washington University. To date, Commander Contee is the highest ranking Police Cadet on the Department. He recently accepted command of the Department's Recruiting Division, after serving for many years as the Commander for the Sixth District in Southeast DC.

Commander David Taylor

Sixth District



Commander David Taylor is a 25-year veteran MPD and a District of Columbia native. Inspector Taylor is currently serving as the Commanding Officer of School Safety Division. In this capacity, Inspector Taylor coordinates the school safety strategies and ensures quality control of the school security effort overall.

Inspector Taylor has gained an enormous amount of practical and cognitive experience throughout his career as demonstrated by the success he has had in each rank leading to his current position. As a Captain, he served as Branch Commander of the District Detectives in the Criminal Investigation Division (CID). This position entails a strong oversight of investigations relating to violent and property crimes. In essence, he ensured due diligence within each of the seven district detectives units via ensuring proper case progression from their inception to final disposition. He was also assigned as Branch Commander of Homicide.

As a District Captain, he was instrumental in the attainment of significant crime reductions in the Sixth and Seventh districts while also overseeing each of their vice units. As a Lieutenant he was assigned as the unit commander of the 5D Detectives Unit of CID. While there, he managed an aggressive team of detectives that finished each year under his leadership with the highest closure rates while bringing each case to atop the closure rankings while ensuring proper disposition of each case.

As a Detective Sergeant, he helped manage one the most challenging units in CID — the Seventh District Detectives Unit — and as a Patrol Sergeant, he assisted the Third District Commander by supervising PSA 308 which includes the Dupont Circle neighborhood.

Lastly, as a patrol officer, he began his career at the Fifth District working midnights. It is there he gained an enormous amount of cognitive and practical experience while serving the Fifth District community. During his time at 5D, he was assigned to numerous details relating to vice operations and tactical units prior to being promoted to Detective Grade II. He also learned the art of multitasking as he successfully managed work, court obligations, and undergraduate studies. He eventually graduated from Morgan State University with a Bachelor's in 1994 and has since earned his Master's in Organizational Management.

Although he didn't know it at the time, joining the MPD Cadet Program was the best decision he ever made.

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