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Two sergeants have been promoted to the newly created rank of captain in the Burleson Police Department.

Sgt. Melvin McGuire will lead the operations bureau and Sgt. Randy Crum will lead the support bureau. McGuire will serve under Deputy Chief Chris Havens. Crum will serve under Deputy Chief Doug Sandifer. The appointments are effective Aug. 31, 2015.

"I am proud to appoint these two sergeants as their accomplishments are significant given the competitive process and high level of skills from all of our sergeants who applied," Burleson Police Chief Billy Cordell said. "They are very dedicated individuals with a strong sense of integrity, pride and service and will be great leaders within the Burleson Police Department."

The operations bureau includes patrol, the traffic unit, community resource officers, the bicycle unit, Citizens Police Academy, Citizens on Patrol, crisis negotiation, Explorers, Honor Guard and SWAT. The support bureau includes communications, criminal investigations, property and evidence, records, recruitment and hiring, Johnson County Special Crimes Task Force detective, Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force detective, bicycle registration, Crime Stoppers, D.A.R.E., police department information technology, department training, internal affairs, intersection safety (red light camera enforcement), school resource officer, and Victim Assistance.

McGuire is three months shy of his 26<sup>th</sup> year with the Burleson Police Department. He was hired in November 1989, earned the Rookie of the Year honor for 1990, Officer of the Year for 1999 and 2003, and was named the department's first Supervisor of the Year in 2007. He has a total of 96 college credits, maintaining a 4.0 grade point average. McGuire is certified as a Master Peace Officer and has considerable experience in patrol, criminal investigations, narcotics operations and 13 years of supervisory experience.

Crum is a 22-year veteran with the Burleson Police Department. He currently has more than 100 college credits and more than 1,900 training credits through TCOLE (Texas Commission on Law Enforcement). He is also certified as a

Master Peace Officer. Crum has experience in patrol, administration, and technology-based operations. He has been a supervisor for 16 years.

“Both supervisors have unique skill sets which complement each other and will allow them the ability to manage large projects and functions within our department,” Cordell said. “Their promotions will create lateral opportunities for supervisors to grow their careers.”

There are now three open patrol sergeant positions. Those will be filled following the testing on Aug. 17.