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Summit Police Department Swears in First Female Sergeant

SUMMIT, NJ, February 21, 2025 – Kathleen Maggiulli of the Summit Police Department was sworn in and promoted to the rank of Sergeant at a ceremony held on Thursday, February 20, at Summit City Hall. This promotion makes her the department's first female officer to attain the rank of supervisor.

It was standing room only in Council Chambers as Sergeant Maggiulli made Summit history, surrounded by her colleagues, friends, family, and elected officials.

"This was a long time coming," said Summit Mayor Elizabeth Fagan. "She worked really hard to get here. When we interviewed her, she was incredible; she was a professional leader."

Police Chief Steven Zagorski adds: "Sergeant Maggiulli is a true asset to our organization, and I could not be prouder or more pleased to see her promoted to this position."

Sergeant Maggiulli's outstanding service and leadership have been recognized by multiple awards throughout her 20+ years of service with the Summit Police Department. She is actively involved in community outreach and has served in several of the department's units, most recently the Detective Bureau. With her strong background in investigations, crisis intervention, and community policing, Sergeant Maggiulli brings a wealth of experience and leadership to her new role as Sergeant, which will begin on Monday, February 24.

"It is a very humbling experience," said Sergeant Maggiulli. "It's an opportunity that I've wanted and waited for, to be able to bring the experiences and knowledge bestowed up on me from the generations before to the next generation."

More information on the Summit Police Department is available at cityofsummit.org/police.

Sergeant Kathleen Maggiulli Bio:

Sergeant Maggiulli began her career in law enforcement handling evidence intake for the Morris County Sheriff's Department in 2000 before becoming a dispatcher with the Bernards Township Police Department. In 2003, she graduated from the John H. Stamler Police Academy as an Alternate Route Candidate, attaining the highest academic achievement award (GPA: 96.6) and was also the recipient of the Patrolman Anthony Lordi Jr. Memorial Award for Excellence in Constitutional Law. In 2003, she joined the Summit Police Department as a Patrol Officer, a position she held for nearly two decades before being assigned to the Detective Bureau in 2021. Later, while employed with the Summit Police Department she would also become a per diem dispatcher with the Summit Fire Department.

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While serving in the Detective Bureau, Sergeant Maggiulli was responsible for investigating a broad range of criminal cases, executing search warrants, managing evidence, and serving as a Crisis Intervention Coordinator and the agency's Humane Law Enforcement Officer. She was also assigned to the ARRIVE Together Team, an initiative that was started with the Union County Prosecutor's Office to improve law enforcement's response to mental health crises. She has also played a critical role in evidence management as the department's Evidence Custodian and CODIS/LIMS Liaison.

Beyond her investigative and leadership roles, Sergeant Maggiulli has been deeply involved in community outreach. She founded the Officer Kat's Kids Program, was a long-time police liaison for the Summit Police Athletic League, and served as a chaperone for the annual Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle School STOKES trip. Sergeant Maggiulli has previously been assigned to the Bicycle Patrol Unit, Community Policing Unit, and Traffic Unit. She has also completed extensive professional training in areas such as crisis negotiation, crime scene processing, gang awareness, handling emotionally disturbed individuals, and defensive tactics for female officers. She is a member of the New Jersey Women in Law Enforcement, the Italian American Police Society of New Jersey, and the Summit Elks. Sergeant Maggiulli holds a bachelor's degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University and is currently pursuing a master's degree in public administration, with an anticipated graduation in 2025. Her outstanding service has been recognized with multiple awards, including the Summit Police Chief's Award and three Unit Citations. With her strong background in investigations, crisis intervention, and community policing, Sergeant Maggiulli brings a wealth of experience and leadership to her new role as Sergeant. She remains committed to public safety, mentorship, and strengthening the relationship between law enforcement and the community.

Sergeant Maggiulli enjoys spending her spare time with her family and volunteering. She can be found traveling the country drag racing with her father and his 69' Camaro named "My Wife's Permission." They have won both National and Divisional events, most notably the NHRA Summer Nationals in Englishtown, NJ. Sergeant Maggiulli and her mother can often be found together attending Christian Fellowship Conferences, enhancing their Catholic faith. You may also have seen her in attendance at St. Teresa's here in Summit. Sergeant Maggiulli's entire family can be found attending sporting and academic events with her brother and sister-in-law to support her niece and nephew.

Sergeant Maggiulli takes a great pride in her father's service in the United States Army as a Vietnam Combat Veteran; and because of this, she serves on the Board of the New Jersey Veterans Network, and volunteers with the American Red Cross, Team Red White and Blue, and with the United War Veterans Council. Sergeant Maggiulli's love of animals is what drives her to volunteer with Bluemont Equine Sanctuary and Home for Good Dog Rescue.

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