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## **SHERIFF TODD K. BAXTER APPOINTS NEW JAIL SUPERINTENDENT AND FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN MCSO BUREAU CHIEF; INTERNAL PROMOTIONS**

*Both Appointees Share the Sheriff's Vision for the Future and Serve as Role Models within MCSO*

### **For Immediate Release:**

**Rochester, NY (December 3, 2018)** – Monroe County Sheriff Todd K. Baxter is proud to announce two appointments effective Monday, December 3, 2018. Commander Matthew VanDuzee is promoted to Jail Superintendent, becoming the first to be promoted to Superintendent from within the jail ranks. Jail Lt. Janson McNair is promoted to Commander of Staff Services, becoming the first African American Monroe County Sheriff's deputy promoted to a Bureau Chief position. Both are internal promotions.

### **Background:**

**Matthew VanDuzee** – The newly appointed Jail Superintendent has 26 years of service with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office; one year as Commander of the Staff Services Bureau. VanDuzee brings institutional knowledge to the position of Superintendent, having worked inside the jail and promoted through the ranks from Deputy, Corporal, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain. He also worked as a Sergeant in Internal Affairs for two and a half years and served 8 months as a Lieutenant working in Staff Services, prior to his promotion to Captain. The Monroe County Sheriff's Office Jail Bureau operates two facilities; a pre-trial detention facility that houses approximately 1,000 inmates in downtown Rochester, NY, and a sentenced facility in Brighton, NY that houses 475 sentenced inmates.



VanDuzee and his wife of 28 years, Marilyn, are the proud parents of three children; Amelia, 25, Hannah, 23, and Matthew Jr., 20.



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**Janson McNair** – The newly appointed Commander is a 22 and a half year veteran of the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office. McNair joined MCSO after completing four years of active duty in the U.S. Army during Operation Desert Storm. McNair is the first African American appointed to an MCSO Bureau Chief position. He has been proactive in recruitment, sitting on Sheriff Baxter’s Strategic Planning for Recruitment and Diversity Committee. Prior to his appointment, McNair fulfilled several positions within the Monroe County Jail and Monroe Correctional Facility, including Lead Instructor and Prisoner Transport, as well as Internal Affairs. The Staff Services Bureau is responsible for multi-bureau non-operational functions. The bureau encompasses numerous responsibilities that provide critical support to the operational components of the other four bureaus, including, but not limited to, Recruitment Unit, Records Unit, Fleet Maintenance Unit, Standards and Compliance Unit, Property and Evidence Unit, to name a few. McNair and his wife, Kellie, have been married for 22 years. They are the proud parents of two sons; Janson Charles, 16, and Ashton McKinley, 11.



*“Superintendent Matthew VanDuzee shares a vision for the future consistent with my vision for the organization moving forward,” said Sheriff Todd K. Baxter. “Matt is revered as a leader who upholds standards and pays close attention to detail. He is well respected by the rank and file, having spent the majority of his law enforcement career working inside the jail. Commander Janson McNair is a leader who has continuously set the bar high and not only met, but exceeded those expectations. Janson does so yet again by becoming MCSO’s first African American Bureau Chief, breaking barriers and paving the path for others to follow. Commander McNair serves as a role model for diversity, celebrating my belief and commitment that all are welcome here. Congratulations to both Superintendent VanDuzee and Commander McNair on your well-deserved and earned promotions.”*

Superintendent VanDuzee and Commander McNair will be sworn in to their new positions in a ceremony on **Monday, December 3, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.** at the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office, 6<sup>th</sup> floor Auditorium, 130 S. Plymouth Avenue, Rochester, NY 14614.

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