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## SHERIFF TODD K. BAXTER APPOINTS NEW JAIL SUPERINTENDENT FOLLOWING RETIREMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT VANDUZEE

**Rochester, NY (January 11, 2022)** – Monroe County Sheriff Todd K. Baxter is proud to announce the appointment of Major Maurice Leone to the position of Jail Superintendent. Superintendent Leone's promotion is effective January 10, 2022 with the upcoming retirement of Jail Superintendent Matthew VanDuzee.



### **Background:**

**Maurice Leone** - The recently appointed Jail Superintendent has served with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office for 27 years. Leone has fulfilled numerous roles within MCSO including Assistant Commander of the Special Response Team (SRT), Sergeant/Internal Affairs and Supervisor of the Prisoner Transport Unit. Superintendent Leone has achieved promotion six times throughout the course of his career, an accomplishment indicative of his job performance and ability.

*"In Superintendent Leone, I see an individual who shares my vision for keeping jail staff safe and maintaining the security of the facility. Superintendent Leone has demonstrated the ability to lead and empower those under his command. Further, he understands MCSO's responsibility to keep incarcerated people safe and transition them back into the community by connecting them with resources to become productive members of the community."* **said Sheriff Todd K. Baxter.** *"Maurice is well respected by the members of the Jail Bureau, having spent the majority of his law enforcement career working alongside them inside the jail. Congratulations to Superintendent Leone on your hard-earned promotion."*

Superintendent Leone was sworn in to his new position with his family by his side during an intimate ceremony on January 10, 2022. A formal ceremony will be held in the near future



As we welcome Superintendent Leone into his new role, we are proud of the accomplishments Superintendent Matthew VanDuzee achieved during his tenure:

- Expanded the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Unit, enabling eligible inmates to receive medication to treat addiction.
- Implemented the Jail K9 program, significantly mitigating the introduction of contraband into the facility.
- Implemented the usage of Body Worn Cameras (BWC) in the Jail Bureau.
- Fought the spread of COVID-19 within the Monroe County Jail with significant efficacy. MCSO forged a mold utilized by other Law Enforcement Agencies to mitigate the spread of the virus in their jails.

*“Thank you to outgoing Superintendent Matthew VanDuzee for three years of service as Jail Superintendent and 30 years of service to the MCSO.”* said **Sheriff Todd K. Baxter**. *“We are proud of your accomplishments and wish you the best in your retirement.”*

Superintendent VanDuzee’s retirement takes effect January 14, 2022.

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