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New captain named to lead Allston-Brighton district of Boston Police

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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

A new captain has been selected to lead the Allston-Brighton district of the Boston Police Department.



(Boston Police Dept.)
Capt. Wayne Lanchester

Capt. Wayne Lanchester said he was promoted Saturday to commanding officer of District D-14 based on Washington

Street in Brighton.

The 42-year-old Roslindale native has spent all of his 18 years in law

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enforcement with Boston Police.

“I’m very excited. This assignment is a very important one and a prestigious one,” he said by phone Thursday. “I was happily surprised to be given the opportunity.”

Lanchester said he has been meeting to discuss strategies and plans for the district, but does not have any major changes in mind for how D-14 will operate. He said he plans to build on what he said has been a successful policing effort in a neighborhood that includes a large student population.

“It’s a challenging role and one I look forward to taking on,” he said. “We can always do a better job.”

He most recently worked several months as a lieutenant in the Operations Division at city police headquarters.

During the eight years prior, he spent time working at District C-11 in Dorchester, District D-4 in the South End and District B-2 in Roxbury.

For the first decade of Lanchester’s career, he was a patrolman assigned at first to Area B for six years and then to Area D. He advanced to the rank of sergeant in 2004 and then to lieutenant two years later.

In 2006, he received a state-issued George L. Hanna Merit Award, which recognizes acts of bravery by law enforcement officials, for an incident in Roxbury the year prior in which he arrested an armed shooting suspect following a car chase, foot chase and a violent struggle.

He is an alumnus of Catholic Memorial School in West Roxbury and holds a master’s degree in criminal justice from Western New England College.

Lanchester replaces former D-14 Capt. James Hussey, [who left](#) the Boston Police Department last month to work as a lieutenant at the Boston College Police Department.

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