

THE PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON 21ST CENTURY POLICING

Kevin Bethel

Deputy Commissioner Kevin J. Bethel is presently in charge of Patrol Operations. As part of his duties, he oversees both the patrol and detective units for the entire City of Philadelphia. Since completion of the Police Academy in 1986, his assignments have included: Police Officer-6th District; Sergeant-17th District; Sgt-Special Investigative Bureau, Narcotics Strike Force; Sergeant-Special Investigative Bureau, Narcotics Field Unit, North Central section; Lieutenant-18th District; Lieutenant-Internal Affairs Division and Lieutenant-Narcotics Intelligence Investigative Unit. Prior to his appointment to the position of Deputy Commissioner, he served as the Commanding Officer (Captain) of the 17th Police District from December 19, 2005 until May 2008.

In addition to his Philadelphia Police Department training, Deputy Commissioner Bethel has benefited from extensive specialized training received at the United States Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Academy, Quantico, VA "Leadership and Specialized Training Course," and the FBI's National Executive Institute, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) "Basic Narcotics and Dangerous Drug Law Enforcement," and "Drug Unit Commanders Academy (DUCA)", "Operation Jetway Training" and "Caribbean Drug Violators Strategy Session." Most recently, Deputy Commissioner Bethel was given the Philadelphia Daily News 2008 Fencil Award, bestowed on a police officer who brings a unique blend of courage, integrity and determination to the job.

Deputy Commissioner Bethel holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Chestnut Hill College, and a Master's degree in Public Safety from St. Joseph's University. He is married and the father of three daughters.