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Subject : Redondo Beach Police Department announces the promotions of two employees

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Chief W. Joseph Leonardi of the Redondo Beach Police Department announces the promotion of Lieutenant Tom Krafick to Captain and Sergeant Todd Heywood to Lieutenant effective January 6, 2007. These promotional opportunities arose with the retirement last week of Captain John Skipper who had served the Redondo Beach Police Department for more than 30 years.

Captain Krafick began his career with the Newtown Police Department in Connecticut in 1984. He joined the Redondo Beach Police Department in 1988 and has worked a variety of positions as a Redondo Beach Police Officer. These positions include assignment to the Patrol Unit, the Pier Unit, the Traffic Unit, and a brief assignment to the Special Investigations Unit. Captain Krafick has held ancillary assignments with the Gang Enforcement Team, the DARE program, and the Special Weapons and Tactics Team. As a lieutenant, Captain Krafick served as the Patrol Division "A" Commander and as the SWAT Commander. Captain Krafick is pursuing a Masters Degree in Emergency Services Administration through California State University, Long Beach. Captain Krafick is married, has twin 2-year old children, and resides in Redondo Beach.

Lieutenant Heywood joined the Redondo Beach Police Department in 1981 after transferring from the Orange County Sheriff's Department where he worked as a Deputy Sheriff. Since joining the Redondo Beach Police Department he has worked a variety of assignments, including the Patrol Unit, the Traffic Unit, and the Special Investigation's Unit. As a supervisor, Lieutenant Heywood also held the ancillary assignments of Rangemaster and Team Leader for the Special Weapons and Tactics Team.