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BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PRESS RELEASE Broome County Sheriff Announces New Leadership at Correctional Facility

(TOWN OF DICKINSON, NY) The Broome County Correctional Facility is under new leadership, Sheriff Akshar announced on Thursday. Major Robert Charpinsky, 18-year veteran of the Binghamton Police Department and 6-year veteran of the United States Marine Corps Reserves was named as the new Jail Administrator leading the Corrections Division.

"As part of our new administration, we've put together an outstanding leadership team to help move the Broome County Sheriff's Office forward and better serve and protect the people of Broome County," said Sheriff Fred Akshar. "Major Charpinsky is the final, essential piece of that leadership team, and I could not be prouder to welcome him to our agency. Before I took office in January, we heard countless times from both inside and outside of the Correctional Facility that there was a severe need for leadership and support for both our corrections staff and the incarcerated individuals in their care. Our dedicated officers and staff at the Correctional Facility deserve leadership that will support their efforts and respond to the everyday needs that arise in keeping everyone within the facility safe. My administration is here to turn the corner and respond to those needs."

A veteran of both the Afghanistan and Iraq wars, Robert Charpinsky spent the last 18 years serving and protecting the Binghamton community as a member of the Binghamton Police Department. Entering the Broome County Law Enforcement Academy in 2005, Charpinsky earned the Class Platoon Leader, Class Warrior and Geno DeAngelo Memorial Award upon his graduation. During the next 7 years, Charpinsky served as a Law Enforcement Academy Instructor, SWAT Team Commander and Tactical Operations Commander. Since 2013, Charpinsky has also been assigned to the Community Response Team and the Training Division as BPD Training Director.

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"Major Charpinsky's decorated career and many years of experience will be an incomparable asset to our Corrections Division and help us achieve our goals of continuous improvement in every aspect of the Correctional Facility," said Undersheriff Sam Davis. "His leadership is exactly what we need to help usher in a new era focused on safety, security, successful reentry and reduced recidivism."

"I am humbled and honored to have been asked to be a part of the Sheriff's team and I plan to be a driving force behind this agency's collective vision of protecting our communities," said Major Robert Charpinsky. "I have witnessed the hard work and dedication from the men and women responsible for the care, custody and safety of the incarcerated. It's a demanding job with very little fanfare, but my goal is to provide them with the tools and training to enable them to be future leaders of this agency. I also share a strong belief in affording opportunities to those who find themselves incarcerated to help them better themselves through various programs and training opportunities. My goal is to help them help themselves to grow and reenter society as healthier, more productive members of our community."

Since January, visitation hours at the Facility available to family and loved ones have tripled, the largest class of new corrections officers in the history of the Facility has been recruited, a new Criminal Investigations Team was created to stop contraband in its tracks, support and education programs available to incarcerated individuals have expanded to over 30 hours per week, and a new correctional facility garden program was created in cooperation with Cornell Cooperative Extension.

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