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The Newark Police Department (NPD) would like to announce the promotion of Officer Ethan Derr to the rank of Police Sergeant. After graduating from Newark High School in 2010, he served four years with the US Marine Corps where he attained the rank of Lance Corporal. In the Corp, he served as an infantryman and was stationed for two years in Camp Lejeune, then two-years in Washington, D.C. as a squad leader with the Marine Corp Honor Guard. During his service he earned the Navy and Marine Corp Achievement Medal for Leadership. After being honorably discharged from the Marine Corp, Sgt. Derr worked for a year in the oil fields of North Dakota prior to entering the law enforcement profession. He began his law enforcement career with the Wayne County Sheriff's Office road patrol in 2018 before transferring the NPD in January 2020. He is married and the father of two with another child on the way.

During his time with the Newark Police Department he has continuously exhibited those leadership skills and abilities he used in the Corp. It is these key aspects of Sgt. Derr that will ensure that the NPD is set-up for success as we build back better than ever.

Mayor Taylor commented, "Ethan has quickly risen through the ranks and gained the respect of his peers and our community. Sergeant Derr will be important to the foundation and growth of our department as it evolves."

Police Commissioner Stu Blodgett noted, "Ethan is very deserving of this promotion to Sergeant. He continually demonstrates hard work, ethics, fairness and compassion in the field. He is a team player and will be a tremendous leader for Newark Police Department. I wish Ethan nothing but continued success in his career here at Newark PD."

Sgt. Derr's promotion was effective Sept 18th and he will be sworn in at the Newark Village Board meeting on Sept 25th at 6:00pm.

Congratulations Sgt. Derr!

See picture below

