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Jared Jeffries named Minneapolis Deputy Commissioner for Community Safety

April 17, 2025 (MINNEAPOLIS) Office of Community Safety (OCS) Commissioner Toddrick Barnette announced today the selection of current OCS Chief of Staff Jared Jeffries as the Deputy Commissioner for Community Safety. In this new role, Jeffries will oversee more coordinated interdepartmental operations and spearhead the integration of the City's community safety reform work, including the Minnesota Department of Human Rights settlement agreement, the Department of Justice consent decree, and the Safe and Thriving Communities plan, among others.

"Chief of Staff Jeffries is a results-driven leader with deep expertise in law, community safety, criminal justice reform, and systems change," **said Community Safety Commissioner Todd Barnette**. "He has a passion for public service and has demonstrated exceptional leadership as OCS Chief of Staff helping manage the coordination of safety services across OCS departments, and he is the right choice to serve as deputy commissioner of community safety."

In his current role as OCS Chief of Staff, Jeffries has been closely involved with several of the long-term plans and agreements that the Deputy Commissioner will now be charged with tackling, including negotiation and implementation of the Settlement Agreement and Consent Decree and finalization and implementation of the Safe and Thriving Communities Report and Plan.

Jeffries has led community safety issues for the last four years at the City. Jeffries's years of experience in leading alongside community safety leaders - both at the City and with partner jurisdictions and organizations will be invaluable in his new role.

Prior to his role in OCS, Jeffries served as the Senior Policy Aide to Mayor Jacob Frey. In that role, he provided direction and guidance to City staff on high-importance issues, such as the Department of Justice and Minnesota Department of Human Rights investigations, Police Officer Federation of Minneapolis bargaining issues and worked with office and department leaders to draft and execute policies and procedures related to critical safety functions, including executive communications during active incidents, and inter-departmental operations, among others.

He also brings valuable experience and education as both an attorney and journalist to the Deputy Commissioner role. Jeffries received his bachelor's degree in Convergence Journalism and Political Science from the University of Missouri, and a Juris Doctor (JD) degree from the Saint Louis University School of Law. He begins his new role as Deputy Commissioner of Community Safety on April 21, 2025.

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