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Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus Congratulates the History Making of African American Promotions Within LSPD

Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus Chairman James "Jimmy" Harris, III, Chairman Elect Edward "Ted" James, II and the LLBC membership acknowledges and congratulates the history making of three African Americans that are now a part of the command staff at the Louisiana State Police (LSP) Department. This is the first time that three minority employees have been in key roles since the agency's inception in 1936.

The newly promoted African American officers by Colonel Lamar Davis are Captain Chavez Cammon to Lieutenant Colonel over Patrol and Captain Kenny Van Buren to Lieutenant Colonel over Investigations. These promotions are significant due to the recent changes in leadership which champions diversity, while highlighting their years of experience and dedication to LSP and the citizens of Louisiana.

LLBC Chairman James "Jimmy" Harris, III and Chairman Elect Edward "Ted" James, II both acknowledge and praise the efforts of making these noteworthy and necessary promotions. These promotions are result of efforts and calls from community leaders and advocates, the NAACP, the Urban League, and pastors. We are grateful to see these historic Changes under the leadership of Colonel Lamar Davis and Governor John Bel Edwards responded with action.

As we move forward with the established new leadership within the LSPD – the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus membership is enthusiastic and committed to continued working in partnership to create a harmonious and equitable society for all citizens of Louisiana.

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Established in 1977, the primary purpose of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus is to raise the quality of life for those underrepresented, the indigent and working people through legislation, education and economic development