

Zimmon Transfers from MTA Assignment; Hansohn to Head LAPD's Transit Group



Capt. Robert
Hansohn

(June 30) After almost three years as head of the LAPD's Transit Group, Cmdr. Garret Zimmon is being transferred from his assignment at the MTA to head the police department's Detective Services Group. Assuming command of the Transit Group, July 5, will be Capt. Robert Hansohn, currently commanding officer of the Rampart Division.

In his new position at Parker Center, Zimmon - who served as a detective earlier in his career - will oversee the activities of several hundred detectives assigned to the robbery, homicide, financial crimes, burglary, auto theft and bomb squads.

Involved in police transition

At the beginning of Zimmon's tenure at the MTA, he was involved in the transition of policing services from the MTA Police to the LAPD and the Sheriff's Department. Since then, the Transit Group has grown from 208 sworn officers to 233. It now has an administrative staff of 33. LAPD officers patrol the Metro Red Line and provide security for Metro Bus lines and MTA facilities within the City of Los Angeles.

"It was a great experience and I got to work with some wonderful people at the MTA and in the Sheriff's Department," Zimmon said. "I was happy that my time at the MTA culminated with the excitement of opening the North Hollywood segment and starting Metro Rapid service,"

"We've worked hard to improve security and reduce crime aboard the trains and buses," he added. "The partnership between the LAPD and the Sheriff's Department has worked very well."

A committed team builder

"Garret Zimmon represents the very best of the men and women in the LAPD," said Paul Lennon, whose Office of Systems Safety and Security oversees the MTA's contracts with law enforcement agencies. "He's been a team builder who has shown his commitment to the partnership of the MTA, the LAPD and the Sheriff's Department. We anticipate that Bob Hansohn will maintain that course and build upon the successes that the LAPD's Transit Group has achieved."

Hansohn, now an LAPD captain, is in line for promotion to commander on July 30. He was assigned to the Rampart Division in 1998 and was responsible for getting the division back on course following revelations about illegal activities there.

A police officer for 28 years, Hansohn has served as a detective, as a supervising sergeant at the 77th Street Station and at the Southeast Station. He also taught physical fitness and self defense at the Police Academy. Promoted to lieutenant in 1989, he served as watch commander at the 77th Street Station and as an aide to the chief of the South Bureau.

Hansohn was promoted to captain in 1991 and served as commanding officer of the 77th, the Hollywood Station and the Harbor Area Station, before being transferred to Rampart.

About his new assignment with the MTA, Hansohn said, "It will be an interesting challenge. I know many officers and supervisors in the Transit Group and you have some good people working there. I've also worked with the Sheriff's Department in some of my assignments and I'm looking forward to doing that again. We may wear different uniforms, but underneath, we're pretty much alike."

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