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Chairman Bulova Names New Fairfax County Police Chief

July 30, 2013– Today, Chairman Sharon Bulova announced the Board’s decision to name Acting Police Chief Edwin C. Roessler Jr. as Fairfax County’s new police chief. Roessler was appointed Acting Police Chief in March by Fairfax County Executive Ed Long.

“I am pleased to name Ed Roessler as Fairfax County’s new police chief,” Chairman Bulova stated. “Not only has he performed exceptionally well in his role as acting police chief, but he also possesses a wide range and depth of experience gathered over his 24-year tenure in law enforcement.”

Roessler previously served as deputy chief of patrol, managing crime fighting efforts across eight district stations in addition to managing the Animal Services Division. Serving as deputy chief, he managed police emergency responses to a variety of natural disasters and tactical operational events, deployed personnel to the recent Presidential Inauguration and managed patrol assets committed to solving several multijurisdictional crimes. Roessler also directed strategic planning initiatives for the department to ensure a high standard of service delivery as future infrastructure growth is planned in many communities throughout Fairfax County.

Roessler began his law enforcement career with the New York City Department of Investigation before joining the Fairfax County Police Department as a patrol officer. He has served in every rank up to and including deputy chief. Prior senior command assignments have included the Internal Affairs Bureau, director of the Criminal Justice Academy, managing the department’s budget and human resources and leading a Patrol Bureau division that included the Animal Services Division, the Crime Analysis Unit and the construction of the Sully District Station. In addition to these command assignments, he led efforts that created the Incident Support Services program serving department members and their families, the Athletic Trainer Coordinator program and several other innovative employee support service programs.

Roessler received his undergraduate degree from Arizona State University and his graduate degree from the George Washington University. During his career he also has graduated from a variety of professional development programs including the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s National Executive Institute and National Academy, American University’s Key Executive Graduate Program, the United States Military Academy West Point Leadership Program and Leadership Fairfax. Roessler’s professional affiliations include the Police Executive Research Forum, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police, the Major Cities Chiefs Human Resource Committee, FBI National Academy Associates and the Society for Human Resource Managers.

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