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## **Board Matter**

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Madam Chairman—after 33 years, Lieutenant Colonel Suzanne Devlin has retired from 33 years of service with the Fairfax County Police Department. During those years, she held a variety of assignments including Station Commander, Patrol Division Commander, Internal Affairs Crime Prevention, Director of the Criminal Justice Academy, and Deputy Chief of Administration, Acting Police Chief in 2004, and finally, as Deputy Chief of Investigation and Operations Support.

During her career, Suzanne Devlin played a key role in many initiatives to modernize policing and strengthen communities. In the early 80's she worked with a presidential committee to create and sponsor the first conference for women in law enforcement. During the first of her several tours at the Franconia police station, she developed a language initiative program for the first family resource center store-front policing effort in the Franconia Police District. This was just one of the many community policing initiatives that Lieutenant Colonel Devlin implemented in Lee District—and we see the positive results to this day.

Lieutenant Colonel Devlin's interest in supporting women led to the development of a part-time policing option for female police officers with young children. She developed the first partnership with a major university for police to complete college and earn DC JS in-service credit.

Because of her interest and enthusiasm in working with a wide variety of people and organizations, she served on numerous State and County boards. These included the Workforce Investment Board, the Northern Virginia Mediation Service, OAR of Fairfax, Fairfax Partnership for Youth, The State Committee on Youth Advisory Group, FBI National Academy Associates, the Virginia Chief's of Police Training Committee and the International Association of the Chiefs of Police Crime Prevention Committee. She also served on the transition teams for two Virginia Governors, assisting in developing public safety policy.

Lieutenant Colonel Devlin may have retired from Fairfax County—but she has not retired from law enforcement as she has joined Tyson Corner's BAE Systems as a Law Enforcement Liaison in the South West US Border in Immigration.

Madam Chairman—I ask for unanimous consent to invite Lieutenant Colonel Suzanne Devlin to a future board meeting for formal recognition of her service.