

## Orange Mayor-elect Eldridge Hawkins, Jr.

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**Orange Mayor-elect Eldridge Hawkins discusses strategy to fight crime...  
Appoints John Rappaport as new Police Director and John Wade, Jr. as Deputy  
Police Director.**

### **Statement by Eldridge Hawkins**

“The people of Orange chose me as their next Mayor because I am a law enforcement professional with a clear strategy for fighting crime and making our city safer. My strategy has four elements: strengthen accountability and effectiveness by introducing new crime fighting technologies and upgrading existing technologies, aggressively seek public and private funding for innovative programs, develop strong partnerships with state, county and federal law enforcement agencies, and expand community policing.

“I will seek to deploy video surveillance in high crime areas, initiate computerized crime tracking and deployment based on the Compstat system, equip patrol cars with computers, use Special Police to supplement the regular force, and improve police management.

“To underscore the critical importance of police leadership, I am announcing the appointment of our new Police Director and Deputy Director in advance of my taking office on July 1st. I am filling both positions with strong leaders and seasoned veterans of the Orange Police Department who are strongly committed to implementing my law enforcement strategies.

“I am appointing John Rappaport as our Police Director. John Rappaport served the City of Orange Police for 26 years, retiring as Detective Captain. His father, Edward, served the Orange Police Department for over 25 years. John is a lifelong Orange resident in the North Ward, homeowner and former business owner.

“John Rappaport served as Commander of several sections and divisions, having been responsible for planning, organizing, directing, staffing, coordinating, scheduling, and budgeting for Planning and Research and for the Internal Affairs Unit, Criminal Investigations Division, Vice Squad, Community Relations, Patrol Division, Special Police, and Housing Authority Police.

“He has extensive law enforcement training and has taught and lectured Police Administration and Constitutional Law for 30 years.

“I am appointing John Wade, Jr. as Deputy Police Director. Presently a Lieutenant, John Wade, Jr. joined the Orange Police Department on October 19, 1990. His assignments have included the Patrol Division, the Street Crimes Attack Team, Community Policing,

Crime Prevention, Housing, Licensing and Permits, Training, Detective Bureau, Special Operations, Weed and Seed, and several joint law enforcement task forces.

“Lieutenant Wade’s crime suppression strategy and implementation have been recognized as “Best Practice Models” by several police organizations. John Wade, Jr. has received numerous distinguished police service awards as an individual, and for units under his command. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice.”

In accepting his appointment as Police Director, John Rappaport said:

“I welcome the opportunity to serve the City of Orange and its residents and pledge my best efforts on their behalf. I am looking forward to be part of a new administration and working with Mayor Hawkins and the Orange City Council.”

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