

Officers promoted in rank

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Five police officers received promotions from the rank of sergeant to lieutenant during a ceremony last week inside City Hall.

During the same Dec. 15 ceremony, Mayor Eldridge Hawkins Jr. swore in five special police officers who have served the city in its municipal court. Special officers are used within the court and along Main Street. They must be sworn in annually.

The promoted sergeants are Judith Rothenberger, Michael Piserchio, Michael Juliano, William Gumbars and Shawn Harris. The special police officers are Michael J. Crowley, Christopher Dottino, Richard Forrester, Lonnie Henderson and Denzal McClutcher.

The promoted sergeants had been demoted in January as part of police layoffs. But Hawkins said as a result of concessions negotiated with the Superior Officers Association, the city had the funds to reinstate and promote them.