



## *News Release*

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## **Commission's Executive Director to retire, Joe Rodgers announced as successor**

Edmonton...Today, the Edmonton Police Commission announced the appointment of Joe Rodgers as its new executive director effective January 25, 2010. Mr. Rodgers will fill the position currently held by Doug Tupper, who is retiring after five years with the Commission.

"We've conducted a broad search for the right candidate," said Chair Brian Gibson. "The Commission selected Mr. Rodgers for his strategic focus, sound judgment and wealth of experience."

Mr. Rodgers has extensive background in both law enforcement and board governance. He comes to the Edmonton Police Commission from the Alberta Solicitor General and Public Security Ministry, where he currently serves as the executive director of the Policy and Program Development Branch. Prior to this, Mr. Rodgers served as director, Policing Standards and Evaluations, for the same ministry.

Mr. Rodgers also had a long and progressive career with the Edmonton Police Service. At the conclusion of his policing career in 2007, he had achieved the rank of superintendent.

"Throughout his career, Mr. Rodgers has demonstrated a commitment to developing and upholding professional policing standards," said Mr. Gibson. "He fully understands the governance and oversight role of police commissions."

Mr. Rodgers' professional experience is augmented by his numerous appointments to provincial and municipal boards. He previously chaired the Edmonton Community Lottery Board. In addition, Mr. Rodgers has served on the Edmonton and Area Children's Services Authority Board, the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission, the Alberta Students Finance Board and he currently sits on Alberta Education's Professional Conduct Committee.

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“I’ve been proud to serve commissioners over the last five years and I have seen them transform into a progressive, transparent, results-oriented group.” said Mr. Tupper. “The Commission will be well-served by Joe Rodgers as its new executive director.”

Mr. Tupper has served as executive director of the Edmonton Police Commission since July 2005. Prior to this appointment, he served as an assistant deputy minister with Alberta Environment. He has held multiple board positions and was elected to the Edmonton Public School Board for three consecutive terms. Mr. Tupper served as chairman of the school board for two years.

“It was our good fortune to recruit Mr. Tupper to the Edmonton Police Commission in 2005,” said Mr. Gibson. “He has served as a wise advisor and a driving force behind the Commission’s forward movement.”

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Note: Chair Gibson is available for comment between 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., January 6, 2010.

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