

# After 11 Years, Lance Hoyson Returns to Zone 5, This Time as Commander

*With a new year, a new administration, and a new (but still familiar) Chief of Police, the residents of Zone 5 now have a new Commander here to build bridges between the community and the Bureau of Police. Here, Commander Hoyson shares his background and his vision for the future of Zone 5.*



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As almost everyone in Zone 5 knows, beloved former Commander Jason Lando has returned home to Pittsburgh as our new Chief of Police. And one of his first points of business was to hand pick a new Commander to fill the open position in Zone 5. Enter Lance Hoyson.

Hoyson joined the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police in 2007 and was assigned to Zone 5, where he remained until 2015, serving the community as a patrol officer, field training officer, and also plainclothes detective. It was during this time that he also served our country in the US Marine

Corps Reserves, deployed to Afghanistan in 2010.

With such a history in the zone, Hoyson is very familiar with our many neighborhoods. On what he loves about Zone 5, he says, “[I love] the different character of each neighborhood and pride the residents have

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in their communities. Zone 5 is an area where good policework can have a big impact on the communities we serve.”

In 2015, Hoyson was transferred to Zone 2 after being promoted to Sergeant and he went on to serve the Zone 2 communities for seven years. From there,

he began training new recruits at the Training Academy before being promoted up to Commander.

Of his training expertise Hoyson says he’s “been actively involved in training new recruits and veteran officers for over ten years as a MPOETC General

Instructor, Firearms Instructor, Control Tactics Instructor, and Field Force Operations (crowd control techniques) Instructor.” He also spent two years as the Night Watch Commander before returning to Zone 5 in January of this year.



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When asked about his visions for Zone 5, the new Commander said his vision is, “to proactively address Chief Lando's priorities for the Bureau. We’ll be driven to reduce violent crime, and I’m interested in getting community feedback on

the biggest quality of life issues and the effectiveness of our response to them.”

“I’d like every officer and supervisor to realize that community engagement begins with every encounter that each of

us has with the public, and I’d like to create a work environment that motivates each officer and supervisor to look forward to coming to work each day,” he stated.