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King picks assistant chief

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Police Chief Glen King, moving to fill top posts in the Dallas Police Department with his own appointments, bypassed nine deputy chiefs Friday to promote Capt. Jack Revill to assistant chief.

King, who took over the department in May, selected the 50-year-old Revill to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Assistant Chief James Souter.

Revill becomes the second top-level appointment by King. The other, Assistant Chief Billy Prince, will assume Souter's duties as chief of the 1,200-member patrol bureau while Revill replaces Prince in the special services bureau.

THE NEW LINEUP leaves only two of the four assistant chiefs as "holdovers" who were appointed by former Police Chief Don Byrd.

The moves Friday were expected to set in motion still another round of command changes at the division level. Sources said three of the nine deputy chiefs, as well as several captains, are likely to be shifted to new positions when those changes are implemented.

In a statement after the appointment of Revill was announced at a Friday morning staff meeting, the chief said Revill was "uniquely qualified" to command the special services bureau.

"He (Revill) has worked in almost every unit that is contained in the bureau," the statement said. "He has been in charge of intelligence, worked as a detective and later as commander of narcotics, in vice and criminal investigation.

"He's done all this in an outstanding way."

Under Revill's new command will be the criminal investigation, traffic, intelligence, vice control, community services and legal liaison divisions.

In naming Prince, who at 37 becomes the youngest commander to hold the post, as chief of patrol, King said he is confident Prince's assignment "will give the department the continued strength it has to have."

"He (Prince) has provided outstanding leadership; the quality of his work has been such that I felt the need to have the benefit of his direction of the largest and most directly influential unit of the department."

KING AND REVILL share the distinction of having left the Dallas Police Department and returning to fill top-level command positions. King, at the time an assistant chief, left in 1969 to join the International Association of Chiefs of Police, where he rose to become its director, and was returned by City Mgr. George Schrader in May to replace the retiring Byrd.

Revill, then a newly promoted captain, resigned in 1968 to become an assistant director of the Texas Department of Public Safety. He had been with the force 17 years at that point.

His tenure with the DPS lasted only about a year, however, and in 1970 Revill ran for sheriff of Dallas County on the Republican ticket and lost to Clarence Jones.

Revill rejoined the police department in 1974, beginning at the rank of investigator. He soon was promoted to lieutenant and, in 1975, he was directed to reorganize the drug-abuse section after the district attorney's office — prompted by disclosures that several officers had "salted" evidence — dismissed scores of drug cases.

PROMOTED TO captain, Revill was placed in full command of all drug and vice control operations. He later was transferred to command the internal affairs division and, in that assignment, Revill headed the unit directly responsible for policing and investigating allegations of misconduct and corruption within the department.

The high point of Revill's direction of the IAD was the 1978 probe of the Dallas Housing Authority's security force. Charges that some police officers, working part time with the DHA, drew pay for non-existen led to federal convictions, terms and probation for two o and a probated sentence for a Two other officers were acquit

Capt. William Newman, 43, year member of the departme named to succeed Revill in the nal affairs division.

Billy Prince (left) and Jack Revill receive new assignments