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Hank Whitman named head of Texas Rangers

Hank Whitman has been named the DPS Assistant Director over the Texas Rangers. Whitman had served briefly as interim chief of the Rangers and was the deputy assistant director for the Texas Rangers since Oct. 1, 2009. Before his position as deputy assistant director of the Rangers, he also served as the interim inspector general of the DPS.

“Hank Whitman has years of law enforcement experience and is uniquely qualified to lead the Texas Rangers, especially as our focus on the border intensifies. He has been instrumental in the creation and operation of the Ranger Reconnaissance team,” said Steve McCraw, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Whitman joined the DPS in 1990 as a trooper trainee and served in the Texas Highway Patrol until 1996, when he promoted to sergeant/investigator in the Criminal Intelligence Service, now known as the Criminal Investigations Division. He was in the Criminal Intelligence Service until 2001, when he promoted to Texas Ranger sergeant. He was a sergeant until his promotion to

Ranger lieutenant in 2005. He promoted to Ranger captain in 2008 and served as captain until his promotion to deputy assistant director in 2009.

“I’m humbled to have been selected to lead this outstanding group of men and women. I will continue to strive to maintain the tradition of the Texas Rangers, the oldest law enforcement entity on the North American continent,” Whitman said.

Whitman has a Bachelor of Science degree from Southwest Texas State University and a master’s degree in public administration from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

The Texas Ranger Division includes 209 employees, including 150 Texas Rangers.

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