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Mayor Ballard Names Troy Riggs as Indianapolis Public Safety Director

INDIANAPOLIS - Mayor Greg Ballard today announced his selection of David "Troy" Riggs as Public Safety Director for the City of Indianapolis. Riggs, 46, is a Louisville native with 22 years of experience in Police and Public Safety leadership. He currently serves as Assistant City Manager for Safety, Health and Neighborhoods in Corpus Christi, Texas.

"I seek top-level experience and bold action from my public safety directors, and Troy perfectly fits that mold," said Mayor Ballard. "His experience on the street and in command and his leadership of multiple public safety agencies make him a great choice to help Indianapolis continue its drive for the best public safety team in the nation."

Riggs began his career as a police officer in the Jefferson County (KY) Police Department in 1989. During his nine years on the force, he rose to Lead Officer, Sergeant, and Detective. In 1998, he left police work to join the Jefferson County government as Press Secretary. He returned to the force as a Lieutenant in 2001 rising to Assistant Chief of Police/Chief of Staff of the merged Louisville Metro Police Department that employed 1,350 sworn and 300 civilian personnel.

In 2009, Riggs left Louisville to become the Chief of Police of the Corpus Christi (TX) Police Department. During his tenure, Riggs developed and implemented a reorganization effort that helped increase the number of women on the force, enhance the use of technology and strengthen patrols. His leadership resulted in lowered crime, more volunteer involvement, and \$3 million in budget savings. In 2011, Riggs was named Assistant City Manager for Safety, Health and Neighborhoods of Corpus Christi. In this role he managed police, fire, emergency operations, public information, health, marina, parks and recreation, neighborhood development and the library system.

"I look forward to working with the men and women in the Department of Public Safety and serving the people of Indianapolis," said Riggs. "There are exciting things happening in the City of Indianapolis, and my family and I look forward to becoming a part of it." Riggs will begin his duties on October 29, 2012. He will serve as Acting Public Safety Director pending confirmation by the City-County Council later this year.

Riggs graduated from the University of Louisville with a Bachelor of Science in 1988. Riggs and his wife of 22 years, Kara, and their two sons, David, 14, and Caleb, 10, look forward to moving to Indianapolis in the near future.

EDS: Attached please find a [headshot](#) and [bio](#) of Mr. Riggs.

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