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### UVM Chief of Police to Join Faculty, Develop Research Initiative

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Gary J. Margolis, chief of police at the University of Vermont, has announced he is leaving his position to join the faculty in order to teach and develop a new nationally focused research initiative within the College of Education and Social Services geared towards campus safety and security. The initiative aims to become the premiere national resource in leading, promoting and supporting research-based efforts to enhance the safety and security of colleges and universities and their surrounding communities. If successful, it would be funded by a combination of training and educational program revenue and federal grants.

Margolis is credited with improving the department's professionalism and standing in the law enforcement community. During his tenure as chief of police, UVM Police Services earned international accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, and evolved to address the growing demands of the expanding university community.

"Gary's leadership has had a significant impact on the shared campus safety dialog at the university, and enhanced the professionalism of our Department of Police Services. His national leadership in the wake of the Virginia Tech tragedy, and his contributions to national campus safety practices have reflected well on the University of Vermont," said senior vice president and provost John M. Hughes. "I wish him well in his pursuit of this new academic endeavor."

Margolis said, "I am incredibly fortunate to have led the Department of Police Services and to have worked with a talented, passionate and committed group of public safety professionals. I came to UVM as a student and it has been a place that afforded me wonderful opportunities to grow and learn; this transition is no exception. My decision to leave Police Services and assume a role in the faculty is the natural extension of my lifelong commitment to education and public safety. I hope to continue to be of value to the university, and other institutions of higher education in addressing their safety and security challenges."

Margolis is a leader internationally in the field of law enforcement. He is currently a commissioner for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). CALEA accredits police departments, communication centers, and training academies in the United States, Canada and Mexico. He is a past general chair of the University and College Section of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the oldest and largest police association in the world, and a former member of the association's executive committee. He is an active member of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA), where he has served on the Government Affairs Committee and chaired the Education Committee.

Through IACLEA, he has been heavily involved in developing federal campus safety legislation and furthering the national agenda for safety at our nation's universities and colleges. He is often called upon by

the U.S. Departments of Education, Justice, and Homeland Security as a campus security expert. Shortly after the 9/11 tragedies, he was appointed by Vermont Gov. James Douglas to serve on the Governor's Homeland Security Advisory Committee. He also serves as a director for the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Margolis is a graduate of the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government Executive Education Program on leading through crisis, and in early 2008, traveled to Israel as an invited guest of the Israeli Government and Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINSA) to study terrorism and share his expertise with the Israel National Police and Israel Defense Forces. His work has been featured in *Police Chief* magazine and the *Campus Law Enforcement Journal*.

Margolis will be succeeded as chief of police by Lianne M. Tuomey. Tuomey is currently the department's second-in-command, and comes to the role with 27 years of combined experience between the Burlington Police Department and UVM Police Services.

The University of Vermont Department of Police Services consists of some 40 professionally trained personnel, sworn and non-sworn, who patrol the campus 24 hours a day to protect the rights, safety and security of members of the university community.

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