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Chief Faron W. Segotta of the New Mexico State Police would like to announce the promotion of Joseph D. Lovato to the rank of Captain. Captain Lovato will command District Seven Espanola with offices in Chimayo, Taos and Chama, Captain Lovato will oversee administrative and operational procedures for one of the busiest districts in the state.

District Seven consists of two lieutenants, seven sergeants, forty officers and eight civilian support staff. The district seven office encompasses approximately 8000 square miles, incorporating Abiquiu, Medanales, Tia Amarilla, Chimayo, La Puebla and many other communities. Captain Lovato is currently working on completing his bachelors in mechanical engineering. Captain Lovato and his wife Erica have a handsome eighteen month old son.

Captain Lovato is a graduate of the 1994, 55th New Mexico State Police Recruit School and has served with the State Police for approximately 13 years. Captain Lovato began his tour as a patrolman in Pecos and has worked in Santa Rosa, Chimayo, Raton, Santa Fe and again Espanola. While assigned to these areas, he has worked a majority of his career in the uniform bureau, too include a year in the standards bureau. Captain Lovato has been an award recipient for officer of the year 1996 & 1997, and was the north zone Honor Guard Commander. Captain Lovato is the lead instructor for the Driving While Intoxicated / Standardized Field Sobriety Test (DWI/SFST) curriculum at the State Police academy in Santa Fe.

Captain Lovato will do a good job as he expects nothing less from his agency, said Chief Segotta, and that Captain Lovato has a vested interest to the communities well being as he has shown already.



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If media would like to interview Captain Lovato please contact him
at the District Seven – Espanola office 753-2277