

Lefebvre named director of public safety at HCC

HOLYOKE — Holyoke Community College has hired Laura



LAURA LEFEBVRE

L. Lefebvre of Worthington as its new director of public safety.

Lefebvre has more than 30 years of law enforcement experience,

most recently as senior sergeant, campus police, at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts in North Adams.

She is the first woman to serve as chief of police at HCC.

"I'm not unaccustomed to being the first woman," said Lefebvre. "There's a lot of firsts under my belt."

Lefebvre, 56, got her start with the Hialeah Police Department in Dade County, Florida. She began as a patrol officer in 1986, then one of only four women in the 450-person department. She worked in the juvenile sexual battery unit investigating child abuse cases before becoming the first woman assigned to the robbery division. She later moved into homicide as a detective during the era captured in

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the TV series "Miami Vice."

Lefebvre retired from the Hialeah Police Department in 1999 and then moved to western Massachusetts with her husband, Gary, also a retired police officer, and two small children, Spencer and Emily, now adults.

She then spent a few

years as an officer with the Hadley Police Department and a police lieutenant at Westfield State University. Before going to MCLA, where she was the first woman sergeant, she worked for 11 years as a fraud investigator for the National Insurance Crime Bureau and the insurance giant Unum.

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