

New Assistant Chief Constable appointed to lead policing in East Command



A new Assistant Chief Constable has been appointed to lead local policing in the East command area, covering Fife, Forth Valley, Edinburgh and the Lothians and Scottish Borders.

ACC Kate Thomson joined Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary in 1985, and carried out a number of uniformed and specialist roles within public protection and crime investigation, including assisting with the Lockerbie inquiry.

She went on to work in Professional Standards before being appointed Superintendent, Divisional Commander in Dumfries in 2006. Kate was later made Head of Crime Management Services.

Mrs Thomson was subsequently promoted to Chief Superintendent in 2011, and held the post of temporary Deputy Chief Constable in 2012.

She was Local Police Commander for Dumfries and Galloway Division until her appointment as ACC Local Policing East in October 2014.

ACC Thomson was one of three new appointments throughout the country and Chief Constable Sir Stephen House said: "The three officers appointed to the rank of Assistant Chief Constable will play a key role in delivering policing across our communities.

"Each brings a wealth of experience and knowledge of policing to the role and they will make a significant contribution to how Police Scotland meets local priorities and in critical areas such as public contact with the police and custody."

