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## LR NAACP SUPPORTS POLICE CHIEF'S PROMOTIONS

Little Rock, AR – The Little Rock NAACP says Police Chief Heath Helton's recent decision to simultaneously promote two African American officers to the rank of assistant chief was an independently made impartial judgment.

Daniel Bowman, President of the civil rights organization said Helton's actions demonstrate a balanced approach to identifying candidates who are eligible for promotions based on their qualifications and work performance. Majors Andre Dyer and Troy Ellison will be sworn in at 9am tomorrow morning at the

Training Center 10900 Arch St. After a vigorous test and examination, both Dyer and Ellison came out first and second. Helton's decision also carry's historical significance as it

represents the first time in the Little Rock Police Department's history that two African Americans have received the rank of Assistant Police Chief at the same time.

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