



Havana police chief Glynn Beach gives Brenda Bowman-Sizemore her sergeant's stripes. Photo by Sandi Beare

Havana's first female ranking police officer

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The Havana Police Department announced last Wednesday that Officer Brenda Bowman-Sizemore has been selected to move up in rank to sergeant. Bowman-Sizemore is the first female to serve at ranking officer level in the department's history, say town officials. She has been with HPD since September, 2006.

"I'm honored to be selected. Everyone who applied is very talented," she said about her new position. "My roles and duties might change, but I'm constantly learning from everyone else. I as a person won't change," said Bowman-Sizemore. She wants to get moving on several goals she has been working toward, including establishing some community programs to help Havana citizens, she said.

One of the best things about her job is having the freedom to get out in the community and interact with people, said Sergeant Bowman-Sizemore. Long-term goals include continuing in law enforcement, "with Havana's police department, I hope," she said. She looks for her co-workers to continue its departmental unity. "We all want everyone working for the same goals."

Sergeant Bowman-Sizemore wants to teach someday, she said. To get to her current place in her professional life, she attended Keiser University and attained an Associate of Arts and her Bachelor of Arts degrees. She is currently studying for her Masters Degree in Criminal Justice at Keiser. Brenda is married to James Sizemore, and they have three children, Angela May, 18, Hope, 8, and Heaven, 6. The Bowman-Sizemores live in Quincy. Brenda Bowman-Sizemore is of Hispanic descent: her mother is from Costa Rica and her late father was from Quincy.

She is thankful for her new position. "I want to thank Chief Beach, Lieutenant Smith and all my co-workers for their support. We all work closely together. Thanks, too, to the Town of Havana and the residents here. So many have congratulated me. My family is very supportive as well. It's all really appreciated," said Havana's new Sergeant Brenda Bowman-Sizemore. She fills a vacant position left open when former Sergeant Tracy Smith became a lieutenant with HPD.

Chief Glynn Beach said of Brenda's selection and his department: "I have expectations not only for her but for all of our officers. We all want to re-establish unity in this community - we have important things to do, and can't do it without the help of the community. We need to find a common denominator. We're here to help the community and its citizens. We can't do it without them," said Beach.