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Holyoke Community College has hired **Laura L. Lefebvre**, of Worthington, as its new director of public safety.

Lefebvre, a seasoned investigator, has more than 30 years of law enforcement

experience, most recently as senior sergeant in the campus police department at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts in North Adams. She is the first woman to serve as chief of police at Holyoke Community.

Lefebvre got her start with the Hialeah Police Department in Dade County, Florida.



**Laura L.
LEFEBVRE**

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 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

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State University. Before going to Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, 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.

Throughout her career she has been a field-training officer, teaching at police academies in Florida, Massachusetts, New York and Vermont.

She holds a bachelor's degree from the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts in interdisciplinary studies in business and sociology and is due to complete her master's degree in education there in May.

The Springfield-based law firm of Bacon Wilson announced that **Kathryn S. Cross** has been named as the firm's newest shareholder. Cross is a member of Ba-