

New York To Have First Female Police Chief Ever

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New York, United States: New York appointed the first-ever woman police chief to head the largest force in the country, US media reported Tuesday, at a time when the city's trust in law enforcement has been shattered.

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Former police officer and Democratic mayor-elect Eric Adams, who will be the city's second Black mayor, announced the key appointment two weeks before formally taking office on January 1, 2022, with security one of the main issues during his campaign. Â

"Sewell is a proven crime fighter with the experience and emotional intelligence to deliver both the safety New Yorkers need and the justice they deserve," Adams told The New York Post.

Commanding approximately 36,000 police officers in the largest city in the United States, Sewell, 49, will shoulder the tough task of maintaining security in New York at a time when the coronavirus pandemic has been accompanied by a surge in crime.

"We welcome Chief Sewell to the second-toughest policing job in America. The toughest, of course, is being an NYPD cop on the street," said Patrick Lynch, head of the main police union in the city, the Police Benevolent Association.

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"We are absolutely focused on violent crime," she told the Post. "Violent crime is the number one priority."

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