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Placentia Appoints New Police Chief

PLACENTIA, CA – City Administrator Damien R. Arrula has announced the appointment of Mr. Darin Lenyi to serve as Chief of Police for the Placentia Police Department effective October 19, 2016. Chief Lenyi succeeds Interim Chief of Police Ronald Lowenberg who has been served in this capacity since April 2016. Chief Lenyi is a 28-year law enforcement veteran who has most recently held the position of Captain for the Laguna Beach Police Department for over four years.

Mr. Lenyi grew up in Placentia and is a graduate of Valencia High School. Mr. Lenyi began his career in law enforcement in 1982-1985 and served as a Placentia Police Explorer. Mr. Lenyi's policing career after Placentia includes working for Anaheim Police Department and Laguna Beach Police Department. During his time with Laguna Beach he has filled the positions of Police Officer, Detective, Lieutenant, Division Commander, Captain and Interim Chief of Police.

Mr. Lenyi has received numerous awards and recognition from Laguna Beach, including the Medal of Merit, Medal of Courage and Ribbon of Service. He has also served in the California State Military Reserve, 40th Infantry Support Brigade and was awarded a California Commendation Medal for his service.

Mr. Lenyi has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Southern California College and a Master of Arts Degree from National University.

"Chief Lenyi is a seasoned law enforcement veteran with a tremendous record of accomplishment throughout his career. With his strong work ethic, leadership qualities, and passion for the law enforcement field, I am confident that he will be an exceptional Chief of Police for Placentia and work tirelessly to provide quality public service to our community," said Mr. Arrula.

Chief Darin Lenyi will be formally introduced as the new Chief of the Placentia Police Department by Mayor Yamaguchi and City Administrator Arrula at the November 1, 2016 City Council meeting.

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