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CHRIS BRIGGS NAMED PERMANENT GLENDALE POLICE CHIEF

City establishes replacement for prior chief with current interim chief

GLENDALE, Ariz. – Glendale City Manager Kevin Phelps announced this afternoon that Chris Briggs, interim chief of police, will now serve in his law enforcement leadership role permanently. Briggs served as the assistant chief of police from February 2016 to August 2019 before being appointed to the interim chief of police position.

“Chris Briggs is a proven leader, a man who embodies the vision and values of our city and an example of dedication to and growth within the organization,” said Glendale City Manager Kevin Phelps. “We’re fortunate that we have an amazing police leadership team, now led by Briggs, who are fully focused on accountability, diversity, transparency and keeping our community safe.”

Briggs joined the Glendale Police Department in 1992 and has served in many capacities throughout his tenure including, Patrol, Criminal Investigations, the Professional Standards Unit, Special Operations, and the assistant chief overseeing the Investigations and Administrative Bureau where he was responsible for criminal investigations, undercover operations, training, personnel management, planning and research, grants and the department budget. Briggs has also planned special events and contingency responses for events including NFL and NHL games, Super Bowls, city events and Luke Air Force Base air shows.

“I am honored to be the chief of police and to be able to work with the finest law enforcement team in the country,” says Briggs. “We will continue our efforts to reduce crime, implement increased training, and bring in new technologies to ensure a safe community for our residents, businesses and visitors.”

Briggs earned his Bachelor of Science degree in public administration from Ottawa University and attended the International Association of Chiefs of Police Leadership in Police Organizations course.

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