



Date: August 31, 2017

To: Patrick H. West, City Manager *P.H. West*

From: Robert G. Luna, Chief of Police *R. Luna*

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: Police Department Changes in Command Staff

The Long Beach Police Department is pleased to announce the following new Commander appointments and changes in command staff assignments:

New Commanders

- Lieutenant Erik Herzog, a 27-year-veteran of the Police Department, and Lieutenant Lloyd Cox, a 34-year employee of the City of Long Beach, with 25-years as a Long Beach police officer, have recently been selected for the positions of Commander.

Lieutenant Herzog began his career with the Long Beach Police Department in 1990. He promoted to sergeant in 1997 and to lieutenant in 2016. He has worked a variety of assignments including: Patrol, Field Training Officer Program, Gang Enforcement, Office of the Chief of Police, Organized Crime, FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force, and Homicide. His most recent assignment has been with the Special Enforcement Section, where he has also served as the acting commander of the Field Support Division, which includes the Police Service Dog Unit, S.W.A.T, Air Support, Traffic Section, and Special Events & Planning. Lieutenant Herzog will begin his new assignment as the Commander of the East Patrol Division.

- Lieutenant Cox began his career with the City of Long Beach in 1983 as a Recreation Specialist with Parks & Recreation. In 1985, he joined the Long Beach Police Department and served as a police dispatcher for four years, before returning to Parks & Recreation in 1989 as a Park Ranger. He was hired as a police recruit, and graduated from the police academy in 1992. He promoted to sergeant in 2001, and to lieutenant in 2006. During his career, he has worked a variety of assignments including: Patrol, Field Training Officer Program, Academy Instructor, Information Technology, Internal Affairs, with his most recent assignment as the Lieutenant overseeing the Gang & Violent Crimes Division, which includes Homicide, Robbery, and the Career Criminal Apprehension Team. Lieutenant Cox will begin his new assignment as the Commander of the Internal Affairs Division.

Command Staff Assignments

Additionally, command staff assignment changes have been made that will become effective September 9, 2017. Commanders typically rotate every few years to afford them increased opportunities for community engagement and career development.

The new Commander assignments are as follows:

Chief of Staff:
Commander Paul LeBaron

Internal Affairs Division:
Commander Lloyd Cox

Detective Division:
Commander Don Wood

Gang & Violent Crimes Division:
Commander Robert Smith*

South Division:
Commander Michael Lewis*

East Division:
Commander Erik Herzog

North Division:
Commander Steve Lauricella

West Division:
Commander Jeffrey Berkenkamp*

Field Support Division:
Commander Joel Cook

Port Police Division:
Commander Liz Griffin

Security Services Division:
Commander Alex Avila

Training Division:
Commander Rudy Komisza

*Commanders who recently assumed command of the division and remain in place. Promotion ceremony details will be forthcoming.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or my Chief of Staff, Commander Paul LeBaron, at (562) 570-7301.

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