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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### CHINO NAMES NEW POLICE CHIEF

Chino, CA – During the July 5 City Council meeting, City Manager Linda Reich announced the selection of Deputy Chief Kevin Mensen as the new Chief of Police for the City of Chino, upon the retirement of Chief Wes Simmons. Chief Simmons will retire on August 10.

Deputy Chief Kevin Mensen began his career at the Chino Police Department as a Police Cadet in 1997. He was sworn in as a police officer after graduating from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Academy in June 1999.

During his 26-year career with the City of Chino, Mensen has served in numerous assignments including Motor Officer, Detective, and Traffic Sergeant. As a Lieutenant he held Commander positions in Professional Standards, Criminal Investigations, and Patrol. As a Captain, Mensen spent time as the Operations and Support Services Division Commander. He was promoted to Deputy Chief in February of this year. He was also a long-time member of the department's SWAT team where he held the positions of Operator, Team Leader, and Team Commander.

"Kevin Mensen's commitment to Chino and his professionalism make him the best choice for Chino Chief of Police," said City Manager Reich. "I look forward to working closely with Kevin as he leads the remarkable members of the Chino Police Department during this important point in the City's history. I'm confident that he will have a positive impact on the department, the City's Executive Management Team, and our community for years to come."

Mensen is committed to continuing to strengthen the relationship between the police department and the community based on open communication and strengthening relationships. "We will police with a purpose when it comes to disrupting crime and will remain persistent in our criminal investigations," said Mensen. Employee wellness is also a priority for him, noting that "supporting the mental, physical, social, and spiritual well-being of all members of the Chino Police Department makes for better, more engaged, healthier officers and better relationships with our community."

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As the next Chief of Police, Mensen is committed to continue building upon Chino PD's Organizational Priorities of Employee Wellness and Development, Disruption of Crime, Community Engagement, and Quality of Life.

Mensen holds Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Criminal Justice from California Coast University. He is a graduate of the 274th Session of the FBI National Academy at Quantico, Virginia.

Mensen and his wife, Desiree, have been married for 23 years and have a son and daughter in college and a teenage son in high school.

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