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Headline

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CITY OF SIERRA MADRE APPOINTS CHIEF OF POLICE

Sierra Madre, CA – After serving as the Acting Chief of Police for the past year, the City of Sierra Madre is honored to announce that Larry Giannone has been appointed as the City's permanent Chief of Police.

Chief Giannone is an active member of the FBI's Law Enforcement Executive Management Program, a member of the San Gabriel Valley Police Chief's Association, a member of the Los Angeles County Police Chief's Association, and is currently the President of the San Gabriel Valley Peace Officers Association.

Chief Giannone began his career as a police cadet in 1973 with the Huntington Beach Police Department. He then joined the Monterey Park Police Department as a Police Reserve Officer rising through the ranks to a Reserve Police Captain. Larry was recognized twice by the California Reserve Peace Officers Association for his dedication to volunteerism.

Because of a true appreciation of the profession, Chief Giannone left the Reserve Corps and joined the Monterey Park Police Department as a full time employee in 1981. He has worked a variety of assignments including dispatch, technical services, patrol, motor officer, vice, narcotics, gangs, detectives, organized crime, administration, and professional standards. He also took on a specialty assignment as the department's first Arson Investigator, working with many Fire Departments in the San Gabriel Valley and was a member of the San Gabriel Valley Arson Task Force.

After spending 26 years with the Monterey Park Police Department he joined the Sierra Madre Police Department in 2007 as a Captain. He was tasked with the responsibility of overseeing the department's daily operations, administrative services, and budget. In December 2010 he was appointed the Acting Chief of Police for the City of Sierra Madre.

Chief Giannone is the recipient of numerous prestigious awards during his 34 years in law enforcement. He lives in San Dimas with his wife, Diane, and daughter, Christi. His eldest daughter, Marissa, is married to Donny, a City of Glendale Police Officer. Chief Giannone is the proud grandfather to their daughter, Zoey.

City Manager Elaine Aguilar stated, "I've had the pleasure of working with Larry over the past five years; his exemplary professional experience, combined with his knowledge of the community, will serve Sierra Madre well."

Chief Giannone will be sworn in at the November 27, 2012 City Council Meeting.

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