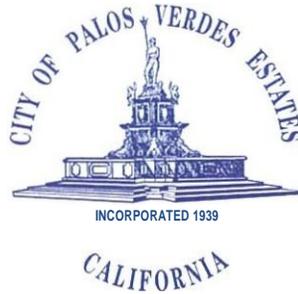


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POLICE CHIEF JEFF KEPLEY RETIRES

PALOS VERDES ESTATES, CA – Police Chief Jeff Kepley has decided to retire from the Palos Verdes Estates Police Department (PVEPD). Kepley joined PVEPD in June 2014.

During his tenure, Chief Kepley was instrumental in the successful implementation of the Palos Verdes Estates “Volunteers in Patrol” and “Parkland Rangers” volunteer programs and “Street Meets” events to maintain and strengthen the community’s connections with the City’s public safety resources. “I would like to thank Chief Kepley for his service to our residents, and we wish him the very best in his retirement,” said City Manager Anton Dahlerbruch.

Capt. Mark Velez is serving as Acting Chief of Police, and Capt. Anthony Best will continue to work with Acting Chief Velez to lead the department.

Acting Chief Velez was raised in the South Bay, graduated from Bishop Montgomery High School and has spent his entire career with PVEPD. Along the way, he has developed deep ties with residents while embracing a community-oriented policing philosophy.

“The City Council shares my confidence in and support of the outstanding men and women at the police department,” Dahlerbruch said. “I look forward to working with Velez, Best and the Police Department to ensure our community remains a safe and wonderful place to live, work and play.”

The City has received feedback on the future of the Police Department from more than 140 residents after a parcel tax measure failed this year, leaving the city with a \$5-million budget shortfall representing approximately 25% less income for City services. On September 26th, the public is invited to hear a report from Lewis-McCrary Partners that examines police services in Palos Verdes Estates.

“As always, we welcome feedback from the community, deeply appreciate their engagement and look forward to continuing to maintain our outstanding safety record,” Dahlerbruch said.

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