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**SDPD Welcomes New Executive Assistant Police Chief**

**San Diego** – The San Diego Police Department is pleased to announce that Assistant Chief Chris McGrath has been selected by Chief David Nisleit to serve as the new Executive Assistant Police Chief. He will be replacing Al Guaderrama who will retire on May 20<sup>th</sup> after 33 years of service to the city of San Diego.

“I want to congratulate Al Guaderrama on his retirement and thank him for his 33 years of service to San Diego. His dedication and leadership have served as an example of the highest quality of public service,” said Chief Nisleit. “I am excited to work with Chris McGrath in his new role. His vast experience and commitment to service will help me lead this department.”

Assistant Chief McGrath was hired as a police officer on June 15, 1988. Since then, he has served in our Southeastern, Southern, Central, and Northern Divisions. He was also assigned to the SWAT Team and worked in the Vice and Robbery investigative units. Assistant Chief McGrath was promoted to Sergeant in 2005, Lieutenant in 2011, Captain in 2015, and became an Assistant Chief in 2017. He served as the Commanding Officer of Mid-City Division along with our Internal Affairs Unit. Most recently, Assistant Chief McGrath oversaw all centralized investigative units along with the Crime Laboratory.

Assistant Chief McGrath enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and honorably discharged after four years of service. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from San Diego State University along with a Master's degree in Public Administration from National University. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

As the Executive Assistant Chief, McGrath will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the department and will report directly to Chief Nisleit. “It is an honor and privilege to serve as Executive Assistant Chief,” said Assistant Chief McGrath. “I will continue to focus my effort on the department’s mission of providing the highest quality of police services to all of our communities and supporting the sworn and civilian members of the department.”

Over the next two weeks, Assistant Chiefs Guaderrama and McGrath will be working together to ensure a seamless transition.

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