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City Thanks Police Chief, Welcomes Successor

The City of Perris said goodbye to former Police Chief John Hill and welcomed his replacement at the Sept. 24 City Council meeting.

Perris Mayor Daryl Busch presented Hill with a certificate of achievement that expressed the City's gratitude for his "unwavering contributions to the community and his many years of dedication to law enforcement with the City of Perris."

"We wish you much success in your future endeavors," the Mayor told Hill as he presented the certificate.

Hill was promoted from captain to chief deputy in the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, which provides law-enforcement services to Perris under a contract with the City. His new duties include supervising the sheriff department's correctional facilities.

Hill thanked the City for its support during his two years as Perris' top law officer.

"You've made me feel like part of the family," he said. "Almost nothing in my career matches the time I've spent in Perris."

Hill noted that even during a time of fiscal belt-tightening for many communities, Perris increased its funding for law enforcement during his tenure.

"I know public safety is this City's top priority," he said. "And I appreciate that support."

Hill's replacement is Capt. Mike Judge, a 17-year-law enforcement veteran.

The Perris Station provides service to more than 230,000 residents and covers more than 200 square miles—including the Menifee and Canyon Lake and unincorporated communities, including Lake Mathews, Mead Valley, Homeland, Winchester and Woodcrest. The department's forensic services bureau, which is responsible for the collection, preservation and identification of evidence, also operates out of the Perris station.



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