



# Perris News

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## Perris Field Operations Chief Promoted

Lt. Dan Feltenberger was promoted to captain this week and will be leaving his post in the City to take another law enforcement challenge in Riverside County but says he will always remember his time in Perris with fondness.

"I have very mixed emotions," Feltenberger said moments after he was promoted by Riverside County Sheriff Stan Sniff. "The City of Perris gave me the opportunity to grow and to learn as a peace officer and for that I will always be grateful."

Feltenberger headed up the Field Operations Division in Perris.

His new duties as commander of the Riverside County sheriff's Jurupa Valley Station means he responsible for all phases of law enforcement in that region, including patrol, investigations and administration. He will serve as nominal police chief for cities like Norco, which like Perris, contract with the Sheriff's Department for law enforcement protection. The Jurupa Station consists of the newly incorporated city of Eastvale and unincorporated communities of Rubidoux, Pedley, Glen Avon, El Cerrito ad Home Gardens. About 200 sheriff deputies work there.

Feltenberger joined the sheriff's department 20 years ago. He previously served as a sergeant in Perris. Other duty stations Lake Elsinore, Southwest Riverside County and the department's Internal Affairs division. Perris City Councilman Mark Yarbrough attended the promotion ceremony for Feltenberger. He said he also felt mixed emotions at the departure.

"He is someone who has worked hard and has obviously earned this promotion but we are losing a member of our team," Yarbrough said. "Perris has produced some fine officers. It's a great training ground. Perris is one of the areas you really want to work if you want to do serious police work."

Sheriff Sniff agreed.

"When a community ends up as a great training ground for leaders in law enforcement, it's a big kudo," Sniff said.

"The folks who come to Perris gain the experience valuable in other communities. That encourages other young men and women to strive equally hard. Dan is very, very gifted and it is fun to give him this opportunity."

After pinning the captain's bars on Feltenberger's uniform, Sniff pointed out that he joins rarified air within the sheriff's department.

Just 24 deputies have risen to the rank of captain within the agency, which includes more than 6,000-sworn officers, civilian personnel and volunteers.

"It's a major impact on the men and women who serve," he said. "It's a big responsibility."

Feltenberger, who attended his last Perris City Council meeting this week, said he is convinced the City is moving in the right direction. Crime continues to drop, special enforcement teams are targeting graffiti taggers and unauthorized street vendors and Perris' infrastructure continues to get better. He said the recently opened Perris Transit Center and the ongoing Commercial Façade Improvement Program are remaking the face of the historic Downtown Area. He praised the City Council and Perris staff who are working with law enforcement to improve the City.

"The whole place is looking beautiful," he said.



Riverside County Sheriff Stan Sniff pins captain's bars on Dan Feltenberger, who was promoted this week and will be leaving the Perris station for Jurupa Valley.



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