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PRESS RELEASE

Downey Appoints Interim Police Chief

Downey, CA, December 14, 2023:

Effective December 15, 2023, Captain Scott Loughner will assume the role of Interim Police Chief for the Downey Police Department. The appointment comes after Police Chief Leslie Murray announced her retirement after 32 years of dedicated service to the Downey Police Department.

Captain Loughner will serve in the interim role through the remainder of the City's Police Chief recruitment, at which time the City will announce the permanent appointment of the new Downey Police Chief.

"This appointment is an important step towards maintaining the Downey Police Department's operational integrity and the safety of the public that will allow for a smooth transition to a permanent Chief," said City Manager Roger Bradley.

Captain Loughner was hired as a Police Officer by the Downey Police Department in 2000 and served as a Sergeant and Lieutenant prior to his promotion to Captain in December 2021. As Captain, he has overseen the Department's Detective and Administration Bureaus and implemented various programs such as a new centralized storage system for digital evidence, a new financial crime report, a facility dog program, and a new School Resource Officers program.

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