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City Appoints New Chief of Police Services

March 18, 2019...San Clemente, California...The City of San Clemente is pleased to announce the appointment of Lieutenant Edward Manhart to the position of Chief of San Clemente Police Services. Lieutenant Manhart has been a member of the Orange County Sheriff's Department since 1998 and is no stranger to San Clemente, serving as Deputy Sheriff to the City from 2004 to 2011. During this time, Lieutenant Manhart also worked as a motor deputy coordinating complex traffic plans and supporting the City during special events. Lieutenant Manhart served as a Field Training Officer, assisting patrol trainees during their transition from custody to operations.

During his tenure, Lieutenant Manhart has served in patrol operations as a deputy in San Clemente, investigations, central jail management, Internal Affairs/Professional Standards Division, Major Accident Reconstruction Team (MART), supervisory roles, administration and budgeting, and field operations.

About the appointment, Lieutenant Manhart said, "I am excited to have been given this incredible opportunity to serve the City of San Clemente as its new Chief of Police

Services. The City has some tough challenges ahead, but I am confident that by utilizing a community-based policing approach and promoting a strong police and community partnership, we will be able to deliver the level of service this community deserves and help promote a better overall quality of life.”

“After reviewing applications for the position, provided to us by the Orange County Sheriff’s Department, I am confident the City hired the most qualified person for the job,” said City Manager James Makshanoff. “With his extensive law enforcement background and ties to San Clemente, our residents are getting a well-trained and dedicated chief with a collaborative leadership style and a high-level of commitment to the community.”

The appointment of Lieutenant Manhart was effective March 15, 2019.

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