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City of Kennewick Announces Selection of New Police Chief

[Kennewick, WA] – The City of Kennewick is pleased to announce that Assistant Police Chief Chris Guerrero will be promoted to Police Chief effective March 1, 2022. A swearing-in ceremony will take place at the March 1, Council Meeting at 6:30pm.

“The extensive strategic and transition planning efforts within the Kennewick Police Department have prepared us well for the future,” said City Manager Marie Mosley. “Assistant Chief Guerrero will continue the exceptional leadership needed to serve our organization and community at the highest level upon Chief Hohenberg’s retirement.”

“I am excited to continue to work with the men and women of the Kennewick Police Department, our City Team, regional partners and the Kennewick community to provide the best public safety possible,” said Assistant Chief Guerrero.

Assistant Chief Guerrero’s Background & Education:

Assistant Chief Guerrero began his career in policing with the Kennewick Police Department in 1996. Between 1996-2015, Assistant Chief Guerrero served in multiple positions to include: Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, Defensive Tactics Instructor, SWAT Team Member, Criminal Apprehension Team (CAT) Detective, Crimes Against Persons Detective, Patrol Sergeant, FBI Safe Streets Task Force Sergeant and SWAT Team Leader.

In 2015, Assistant Chief Guerrero was promoted to the rank of Commander. As a Division Commander, he has supervised the Investigations and Patrol Divisions. He was also assigned as the Tri-City Regional SWAT Team Commander and Incident Commander. In July of 2021, Assistant Chief Guerrero was promoted to the position of Assistant Chief.

Assistant Chief Guerrero earned his Associate’s degree in Criminal Justice from Spokane Community College. He graduated from Washington State University with a Bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice and Criminology. In 2016, Assistant Chief Guerrero completed the 263rd Session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico Virginia. In August of 2021, Assistant Chief Guerrero completed the Police Executive Research Forum, Senior Management Institute for Police Training in Orlando Florida.

Assistant Chief Guerrero is also an active member of the Pasco-Kennewick Rotary Club and a United Way Board Member.

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