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THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL AND THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCE THE PASSING OF POLICE CHIEF WAYNE BYERLEY

Signal Hill, CA-December 19, 2024— With heavy hearts, the City of Signal Hill and the Signal Hill Police Department announce that Police Chief Wayne Byerley passed away after experiencing a medical emergency while working Wednesday evening.

Chief Byerley is survived by his wife and 15-year-old son, as well as many family members, colleagues, and friends. Byerley became the Chief of Police for the Signal Hill Police Department on May 22, 2023. He shared in the Centennial Celebration, deeply cared about the Signal Hill Police Department and community, and implored everyone to support one another.

Prior to serving as the Chief of Police for the Signal Hill Police Department, Byerley served as a Captain for the Los Alamitos Police Department and honorably retired from the Orange County Sheriff's Department as a Division Commander after 32 years of service.

Mayor Keir Jones shared the following statement, “Chief Wayne Byerley’s leadership, optimism, and unwavering dedication to our community will leave a lasting legacy in Signal Hill. We are deeply grateful for his service and profoundly saddened by his loss.”

The Signal Hill Police Department and the entire Signal Hill community mourns the loss of our dedicated Chief and will release additional information as it becomes available.

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