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CITY OF SIGNAL HILL ANNOUNCES NEXT CHIEF OF POLICE

Signal Hill, CA-April 23, 2025 — The City of Signal Hill is pleased to announce the official appointment of Captain Brad Kenneally as the next Chief of Police, effective April 19, 2025. With more than three decades of dedicated service in law enforcement, Captain Kenneally brings extensive operational experience, strategic leadership, and a strong commitment to community-based policing to his new role.

“We are thrilled to welcome Captain Kenneally as the 18th Chief of Police for the City of Signal Hill,” Mayor Keir Jones said. “His proven leadership, unwavering integrity, and deep commitment to community-focused policing make him the right person to lead our department into the future. Captain Kenneally brings not only years of experience, but also a genuine passion for service and the ability to inspire meaningful change. We’re confident that under his leadership, the Signal Hill Police Department will continue to grow strong and more connected to the community we serve.”

Captain Kenneally began his law enforcement career with the Orange County Sheriff’s Department, where he served for 28 years. Over the course of his distinguished tenure, he has held the ranks of Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain. His exemplary service was recognized in 2010 when he received the department’s prestigious Deputy of the Year award.

One of the highlights of his time with the Orange County Sheriff’s Department was his leadership at the Central Justice Center in Santa Ana—Orange County’s largest and busiest court. As the commanding officer, Captain Kenneally oversaw daily court operations and supervised more than 120 sworn and non-sworn personnel. His ability to manage complex systems and large teams laid the foundation for the strategic leadership he brings to Signal Hill today.

In 2024, Captain Kenneally joined the Signal Hill Police Department, quickly immersing himself in all aspects of department operations. During this time, he familiarized himself with not only the duties of his current position but also the broader responsibilities acting as Chief of Police since December 2024. His innovative approach, ability to think outside the box, and skill in identifying creative solutions to intricate challenges have already made a positive impact on the department.

Captain Kenneally is known among his peers and staff for his thoughtful leadership, adaptability, and commitment to integrity. As a strategic thinker, he has played a key role in building strong relationships with department personnel and navigating evolving community safety needs and departmental priorities.

“I am deeply honored to serve as Signal Hill’s next Chief of Police,” said Captain Kenneally. “This city and this department have a special energy—one rooted in community, service, and innovation. I look forward to continuing this work and leading our department with integrity, accountability, and a genuine commitment to the residents of Signal Hill.”

A formal swearing-in ceremony will be planned for a future date.

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