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## **City of Glendale Announces New Assistant Police Chiefs**

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – The Glendale Police Department is proud to announce the selection of Preston Becker and Debora Black as the new Assistant Chiefs of Police.

During the past several months the city of Glendale has conducted an extensive national recruitment process to find two new assistant police chiefs. After narrowing the field of candidates through review of their qualifications, interview process and background assessments, Becker and Black were selected. Both candidates are law enforcement professionals who have provided outstanding service in Arizona for a number of years.

**Assistant Chief Becker** is a 33-year veteran of the Glendale Police Department who started his career with the city soon after high school. His experience includes working in patrol, investigations, community policing and major event planning. Becker spent most of his career in the criminal investigations area as an officer, sergeant, lieutenant, and commander.

From March 2005 through December 2005, he served as the interim Chief of Police for the Glendale Police Department.

During his career Preston was awarded the Medal of Valor, and twice received the Chief's Award for performance.

Preston lives in Glendale with his wife of 31 years, Teri, along with three children and seven grandchildren.

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**Assistant Chief Black** (Debby) is a 25-year veteran of the Phoenix Police Department. She retired in January of this year but continued her to law enforcement as a Phoenix Police Reserve Officer. Since retiring she has established her own business as an author and consultant.

Debby's experience with the Phoenix Police Department includes patrol operations, community outreach, major event planning, recruiting and hiring, and leadership development. From the years 2000 through 2005 she held the position of Assistant Police Chief.

During her career, Debby was a sniper in the Special Assignment Unit and worked undercover in a variety of investigative operations. She was awarded three Medal of Lifesaving awards and the Medal of Valor.

Debby lives in Glendale with her husband and 15-year-old daughter.

#### **SWEARING IN CEREMONY**

An official ceremony will be held to swear in the new chiefs and 12 other department members who are being promoted. The promotions include one commander, two lieutenants, five sergeants, and four civilian employees.

The official ceremony is open to the public and will take place on Friday, Dec. 15 at 11:30a.m. at the City of Glendale Council Chambers, located at 5850 W. Glendale Ave.

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