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GLENDALÉ POLICE CHIEF CHRIS BRIGGS ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

(Glendale, Ariz.) – Glendale Police Chief Chris Briggs is retiring after spending his entire career – more than 32 years – serving the community.

In his role as Chief, Briggs steered the successful implementation of Arizona’s first “Real Time Crime Center.” He was also instrumental in establishing the West Valley Incident Response Team, which investigates critical incidents such as officer-involved shootings. Additionally, he led the department’s public safety efforts related to several high-profile events, such as Super Bowl LVII, the NCAA Men’s Final Four and multiple Presidential campaign stops held in Glendale.

“As we look to the future, you have to take opportunities that come your way and you have to sometimes recognize that it’s time to step aside and this is the perfect time for me to step aside,” says Chief Chris Briggs. “There is not a doubt in my mind that the Glendale Police Department is the best police department in the country, I know what we do and how we do it and I know the passion that we do it with and I couldn’t be prouder of this department.”

Chief Briggs began his service in 1992. During his time with the department, he served in various roles within every division, including as Patrol Officer, a Criminal Investigator and in Special Operations.

“Chief Briggs has served with integrity, vision and unwavering commitment. His wealth of knowledge has been instrumental in shaping the department, and his efforts to modernize our technology have set new standards for public safety and efficiency,” said City Manager Kevin Phelps. “He leaves behind an incredible legacy of leadership and innovation that will continue to benefit our city for generations to come.”



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The City Manager has appointed Assistant Chief Colby Brandt to serve as Glendale's Interim Police Chief. Chief Briggs' retirement has been planned for several years allowing him to work with his Assistant Chief, Colby Brandt, in order to give him ample preparation to serve as Interim Police Chief. Interim Chief Brandt will serve in that capacity until the City names Chief Briggs' permanent replacement. "I know the department will serve Interim Chief Brandt well during this time and I know that Interim Chief Brandt will also serve the department well," says Chief Briggs. "That's who we are, we work together we're a family."

Chief Briggs' final day in the office will be Friday, February 28, 2025.

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is to protect the lives and property of the people we serve."*

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