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## **GLENDALE ANNOUNCES NEW CHIEF OF POLICE** *Rick St. John Selected Due to Leadership Strengths and Knowledge of Community*

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** -- Glendale City Manager Kevin Phelps has appointed Rick St. John to be Glendale's Chief of Police. St. John has been serving as interim police chief since July of 2016 when former chief Debora Black moved to Prescott.

"Chief St. John is an extraordinary law enforcement leader who has earned my highest degree of confidence," said Glendale City Manager Kevin Phelps. "With more than two decades of service with the Glendale Police Department, he brings a strong balance of experience, dedication and acumen. There is also tremendous value in the fact that he is a lifelong resident who calls Glendale home and is raising his family here. He has a deep affection for this city and that is the high level of commitment I wanted in someone at the helm and in this high-profile position."

With more than two decades of service with the Glendale Police Department, Chief St. John has overseen or been involved with every division of the department. He started his career by serving as a patrol officer and was part of Glendale's first neighborhood response unit and the first domestic violence unit. He then became a training officer who taught his colleagues the newest law enforcement techniques and ultimately was offered senior leadership positions as assistant chief and then interim chief.

“This is an exciting time for the city of Glendale and the Glendale Police Department,” said Police Chief Rick St. John. “I am truly honored to have the opportunity to lead these men and women as we build a stronger department and better community.”

Chief St. John received a Bachelor of Science degree in business management from Arizona State University. He is married and has four children.

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