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KINGSBURG HIRES NEW POLICE CHIEF

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Kingsburg, CA – City Manager Alex Henderson has announced the appointment of Neil Dadian as Chief of the Kingsburg Police Department, following a national search to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of former Chief Jeff Dunn in May, 2014. Chief Dadian was selected from a highly competitive pool of candidates following an in-depth interview process, which included interviews with a five member professional panel consisting of five local Police Chiefs, as well as a five member panel of Kingsburg community leaders. Dadian is slated to begin working for the department on Monday, February 2, 2015.

A law enforcement veteran with over 32 years of experience, Dadian retired in 2013 as a Sheriff's Captain with the Fresno County Sheriff's Office (FSO). Chief Dadian worked his first 17 years with FSO as a line level deputy sheriff and the remaining 15.5 years as a supervisor, manager, and executive manager. "I am excited and honored to welcome Neil Dadian to Kingsburg", says Henderson. "Our interview panels were impressed not only with Neil's qualifications and years of experience, but also his demeanor, energy, and leadership style. Given how closely we work with Fresno County Sheriff's Office, his ability to work hand in hand with them was also a great plus. His combination of traits makes him the right fit for the City of Kingsburg."

Dadian also brings a wealth of knowledge with regards to proper Police training. He has served as an adjunct professor at California State University, Fresno, teaching criminology and related courses. He also currently serves as an instructor at the Fresno City College Police Academy, training potential recruits on proper technique and law.

Neil is enthusiastic about serving as Kingsburg's next Chief. "I am humbled to be selected for the distinctive honor of leading the women and men of the Kingsburg Police Department. I will be a visible presence in the community and relentless in suppressing crime. I understand the trust placed in me by Mr. Henderson, the City Council, and the citizens of Kingsburg and I will work tirelessly to justify that trust. I am excited to begin."

Dadian brings to Kingsburg a record of effective and collaborative leadership, and has managed a budget in excess of \$80 million, commanded several patrol units, Court Security Unit, Multi Agency Gang Enforcement Consortium (M.A.G.E.C), Community Crime Response Team, Air Support Unit, and SWAT Team, among others. He has successfully spearheaded efforts to reduce Part I crimes through intelligence-led policing, reading crime trends and stopping crime before it occurred.

Prior to becoming Captain, Dadian worked as a Lieutenant for nine years. Prior to that he served as a Sheriff's Sergeant and Deputy Sheriff for Fresno County. Dadian also holds his Bachelor's Degree and Master of Science, both in Criminology from California State University, Fresno. He also holds several certificates from California POST, including both his Supervisory and Management certificates. He is active in several state and national law enforcement organizations.

Mr. Dadian will be sworn in on February 2 and officially introduced during the City Council's regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, February 4 at 7:00pm in City Council Chambers.

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