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Redding Police Captain Peter Hansen appointed chief

Redding City Manager Kurt Starman today announced the appointment of Peter T. Hansen as Redding Chief of Police. He replaces Leonard Moty, who retired in early October.

Hansen, 51, is a 25-year veteran of the Redding Police Department (RPD), beginning as a patrol officer and rising through the ranks to become Captain six years ago. He was chosen as Chief following a nationwide search that attracted 18 highly qualified applicants from throughout the country. The position was advertised widely in state and national publications.

Qualified candidates were formally interviewed by a three-person oral board as well as a separate panel of community leaders. Among those on the panel were: Tom Armelino, Shasta County Superintendent of Schools; Greg Balkovek, President-elect of the Greater Redding Chamber of Commerce; Jerry Benito, Shasta County District Attorney; Fran Brady, President of Shasta County Citizens Against Racism; Callie Froese, president of the Youth Action Council; Pastor Dave Honey, Chief Administrative Officer of the Good News Rescue Mission; Maggie John, Executive Director of the Shasta Women's Refuge; Brad LaCroix, President of the Redding Peace Officers Association; Charlie Menoher, Executive Director of the Youth Violence Prevention Council; and Greg Wrigley, Shasta County Undersheriff.

Hansen will begin his new duties on November 3, Starman said.

“Peter Hansen has demonstrated strong management and leadership skills as the senior Captain for the Redding Police Department. He is a seasoned and dedicated law enforcement professional. I am confident that Peter will be an outstanding Police Chief,” Starman said.

Hansen joined the Redding Police Department after serving as a Deputy Sheriff in Riverside County. At RPD he served as a Patrol Officer (1983-1988); Investigator (1988-1991); Patrol

Corporal (1991-1993); Patrol Sergeant (1993-1996); and Sergeant supervising the Investigations Division (1996-2001). He was promoted to Lieutenant in 2002 and assigned to the Patrol Division as Watch Commander. He was promoted to Captain later that year, first overseeing Field Operations and, most recently, Investigations.

Hansen earned his bachelor's degree at San Francisco State University and has undergone extensive training through the California Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST), including the POST Command College. He also graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

"I'm looking forward to this opportunity to serve the community. I appreciate the support from the community and members of the department, and the confidence Kurt Starman has shown in me," said Hansen.

As Chief, Hansen will oversee a department of 118 sworn officers and 74 non-sworn personnel (part-time and full-time), with an annual budget of more than \$26.3 million. His annual salary will be \$138,000.

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