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## **JOSEPH KREINS APPOINTED TO PERMANENT POLICE CHIEF POSITION**

City Manager Daniel E. Keen announced today that Joseph Kreins, Interim Police Chief for the City of Vallejo since July, 2012, has been appointed to the permanent Police Chief position, effective December 15, 2012.

Chief Kreins began his service with the City of Vallejo on July 15, following the retirement of former Chief Robert Nichelini. Kreins had previously served as Police Chief for the City of Novato, retiring from that position in June. As part of his appointment to the permanent Police Chief position in Vallejo, Chief Kreins will withdraw from retirement status.

In announcing the appointment, City Manager Keen highlighted the strong leadership which Chief Kreins had displayed as interim Chief: “During these past 5 months, I have had the opportunity to work closely with Interim Chief Kreins as he has tackled the many challenges facing the Vallejo Police Department. This has been a particularly trying time for the Department, during which we experienced 3 officer-involved shooting incidents, difficulties in maintaining minimum staffing levels on all shifts, and challenging relationships with some segments of the community. Throughout this period, I have observed Chief Kreins exert strong, steady leadership for the Department, guided by his many years of experience and a commitment to continuous improvement of law enforcement services.”

Kreins is a second generation Police Officer with more than 32 years of law enforcement experience. In addition to his service as Interim Police Chief for Vallejo since July, he served as the Police Chief of Novato for 7 years. Prior to Novato, he served as the Chief of Police in Sausalito for 3 1/2 years. Chief Kreins spent 17 years with the Concord Police Department, where he held numerous positions and promoted through the ranks to the position of Lieutenant/District Commander. He was appointed as the Concord Police Department's first-ever Media Relations Officer in 1992, and spent 4 years as the Department PIO/Spokesperson, gaining both local and national recognition.

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