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VALLEJO POLICE CHIEF JOSEPH M. KREINS ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT - WILL STAY ON UNTIL A NEW CHIEF IS SELECTED

City Manager Daniel E. Keen and Police Chief Joseph M. Kreins jointly announced today that Chief Kreins will retire from the Vallejo Police Department effective February 1, 2014.

Chief Kreins was appointed as the interim Police Chief to the Vallejo Police Department in July 2012 after the retirement of Chief Robert Nichelini. Keen stated, "Although our original plan was to have Chief Kreins assist the organization with the temporary transition to our next police chief, within a few months it became obvious that we needed him to stay and help guide the department into the future. We were very fortunate that Chief Kreins was willing to move beyond his interim role and accept the Chief's position on a permanent basis."

Keen added, "Now that Chief Kreins has decided to move back to retirement, we are also fortunate that he is willing to stay on as our Police Chief until a new chief can be selected." Keen said, "We will begin a selection process for a new chief as soon as practical. I am cognizant that this will be a rigorous process that will involve significant community input and we will carefully move through the selection and hiring process to ensure that we have selected the best choice possible."

Keen said, "I am excited for the future of the City of Vallejo and especially our Public Safety Team, and I am also appreciative that Chief Kreins will be assisting us every step of the way as we move to select a Police Chief."

Chief Kreins said, "I was willing to accept the interim position in Vallejo because I really wanted to assist the department on a short-term basis as they transitioned from a long-term police administration. Not long after my arrival, it became clear to me that there was a lot that I had to offer, both to the department and the city by way of providing a positive leadership model that could transform the culture of the Vallejo Police Department into an outstanding and professional law enforcement organization. At that point, I was willing to reinstate and get down to the business of transformative change within the organization."

Kreins said, "I have been tremendously proud to serve as the Police Chief in Vallejo. I have the highest respect for every sworn and non-sworn member of the Vallejo Police Department. Each member of our organization continues to work hard for the citizens of Vallejo, quite often under difficult, complex, dangerous and challenging circumstances. With limited staffing and resources, they provide outstanding services to our community. I have been in this business for

more than 35 years and it has truly been a pleasure and a privilege to lead and work with such a dedicated group of law enforcement professionals.”

Kreins added, “I am sincerely proud of the accomplishments and progress that our team has made over these past 18 months and I am confident that the future of public safety in Vallejo is bright. I am also confident that we have established a strong foundation in transforming and reinventing our organization in a very positive way. It is the basis of this foundation that will allow us to succeed and continue to improve the culture and professionalism of our department now and well into the future.”

Kreins said, “I believe that it is critically important to share with the public some of the accomplishments and success that we as an organization have achieved over the past 18 months.”

In the area of technology and best practices, we have completely reinvented the infrastructure of our department by:

- Replacing our entire fleet of vehicles
- Implementing a state-of-the-art Records Management (RMS) and Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System
- Redesigned and Upgraded our E-911 Communications Center
- Drafting (and will soon implement) a completely revised Police Policy, Procedure and General Orders Manual based upon “Best Practices” in contemporary law enforcement
- Completing a comprehensive audit of all property and evidence operations and implementing a series of changes and upgrades to our operation
- Adding and upgrading security and surveillance systems throughout our operations and also added and upgraded new systems within the community
- Completing a Team Building and Strategic Planning Retreat that was focused on crime reduction strategies and improving community outreach; implementing specific strategies to reduce violent crime and homicides that resulted in Operation Safe Net
- Developing a Master Plan of results based goals and measurable objectives to address issues of technology, training, policy and best practices to improve and enhance professionalism within our organization
- Revising our citizen complaint and internal affairs division to become more responsive to community needs and concerns
- Implementing our professional training by more than tenfold to enhance our officer’s skill set and to provide tools that will allow our staff to produce high quality public safety services

The above list provides only a sampling of the many achievements and successes, and the commitment and dedication of the men and women of the Vallejo Police Department.

Keen stated, “We are committed to finding the best police chief available who will have demonstrated the requisite knowledge, training, experience and education that will be critical and necessary to lead and continue the restoration of the Vallejo Police Department as a premiere law enforcement organization.” I am pleased that Chief Kreins has agreed to continue to lead us as we embark on this search and I am looking forward to partnering with Chief Kreins who will play an integral role in the process to select the next Police Chief for Vallejo.”

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