



## CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

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### **Wayne Byerley Appointed as Signal Hill's Chief of Police**

SIGNAL HILL -- The City of Signal Hill is pleased to announce the appointment of Wayne Byerley to the position of Chief of Police, effective May 22, 2023.



Chief Wayne Byerley brings a breadth of knowledge and experience to the Signal Hill Police Department having served 32 years with the Orange County Sheriff's Department until retiring in 2020 as a Division Commander. During his tenure with the Sheriff's Department, Chief Byerley held the ranks of Deputy Sheriff, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain. Chief Byerley has extensive experience providing responsive community-based policing having worked various assignments in patrol and as a K9 Handler. Chief Byerley went on to supervise teams in patrol as well as a plain-clothes Directed Enforcement Team that provided specialized investigative services to the South Orange County region. Chief Byerley also served as a supervisor and Administrative Lieutenant at the Department's largest maximum security jail complex, the Theo Lacy Facility in Orange. As a law enforcement manager, Chief Byerley served as a Division Commander overseeing operations for the Sheriff Department's Professional Standards Division, Airport Police Services at John Wayne Airport, and at the S.A.F.E. Division which handles risk management, policy development, return to work, strategic planning, and internal affairs.

Chief Byerley continued his law enforcement career when he joined the Los Alamitos Police Department serving as a Captain overseeing the Investigations and Administrative Services Division. During his tenure there, Chief Byerley was responsible for managing the Detective Bureau and overseeing all the administrative functions of the Police Department. Chief Byerley was most recognized for his work on updating department branding which revitalized the staffs' sense of pride in the organization.

Chief Byerley's leadership and management style is rooted in his genuine desire to serve and support both the Signal Hill community and the professional and sworn personnel that make the Signal Hill Police Department a top-tier law enforcement organization.

Chief Byerley grew up locally in Lakewood and is a graduate of Lakewood High School, Long Beach City College and the California State University, Long Beach, where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree.

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