



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

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INFORMATION:

Swearing- In Ceremony For Santa Cruz Police Chief Mills

(SANTA CRUZ, CA) – Today, Chief Andrew Mills begins his new post at the Santa Cruz Police Department. Chief Mills' official swearing-in ceremony will take place at City Hall Courtyard on August 7, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend the swearing-in ceremony to meet Chief Mills.



Andrew Mills recently served as the Chief of Police for the City of Eureka, California. Eureka, a city of about 30,000 residents, situated in one of the most beautiful places on Earth. Eureka is surrounded by jolly gigantic redwood trees, a mesmerizing ocean and some of the best outdoor adventures in California. It is also home to urban problems in a rural community. While in Eureka Chief Mills helped the department become community centric, regain respect as a police agency, and yet compassionately confront some of the societies the most difficult problems, including homelessness. He also serves on as a representative for the California Chiefs of Police Association.

Formerly Andy was a San Diego Police captain assigned to Eastern and Western Divisions. Each of the commands had populations of about 150,000 residents and 200 employees. Before that, he served as the commanding officer of Criminal Intelligence and Counter Terrorism, two tours in the Gang Unit where he implemented Intelligence Led Policing, created an in house intelligence collection system and served on a statewide executive committee for gangs. Recently Mills helped create and implement the Major City Chief's Criminal Intelligence Enterprise, adopted by the Major City Chiefs from the largest cities in the nation.

Mills was the 2000 recipient of the Police Executive Research Forum's Gary P. Hayes award for his contributions to improving the quality of police service nationally. Andy managed one patrol team that won the Herman Goldstein Award for Excellence in Problem-Oriented Policing and three others that were Goldstein finalists. His work in the field is documented in several publications produced by PERF and the COPS Office. Mills has published articles on the National Criminal Intelligence Enterprise (NCIE),

police leadership, problem-solving and police ethics in Problem Solving Quarterly, Law Enforcement News and several National Institute of Justice publications. He has lectured at conferences and has provided training to scores of police agencies, including agencies in Washington, D.C., Houston, Chicago, Los Angeles, Bogota, Mexicali, Rio de Janeiro and Wellington NZ.

Swearing in Ceremony for Santa Cruz Police Chief Andrew Mills

City Manager Martin Bernal will be hosting a swearing in ceremony for the newly selected Chief of the Santa Cruz Police Department, Andrew Mills. The ceremony is scheduled to take place Monday, August 7th at 4:00 p.m. at the City Hall Courtyard. Following the oath of office, Chief Mills will comment on his new position as head of the Santa Cruz Police Department.

WHO: Mayor Cynthia Chase, City Manager Martin Bernal, Chief Mills

WHAT: Swearing in Ceremony for Police Chief Andrew Mills

WHERE: Santa Cruz City Hall Courtyard 809 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA

WHEN: Monday, August 7th, 2017 4:00 p.m.

ABOUT SCPD

The Santa Cruz Police Department (SCPD) is committed to working in partnership with the community to enhance public safety, prevent crime, enforce laws and protect the rights of all people through innovative problem-solving approaches. A progressive, professional organization, SCPD officers are dedicated to conducting themselves with the highest ethical standards and the department is accountable to the community. SCPD has 94 sworn officers and 29 civilian staff to protect and serve Santa Cruz's 64,000 residents and millions of annual visitors. Learn more at www.santacruzpolice.com.

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