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FUTURE POLICE CHIEF SELECTED IN LOS GATOS

Los Gatos, CA – Los Gatos Town Manager Greg Larson announced today the selection of Matt Frisby as Police Chief effective August 1, 2014. Current Police Chief Scott Seaman is retiring on August 1, after 12 years as Chief of Los Gatos. Chief Seaman's retirement is 39 years to the day after he began his exceptional law enforcement career with the City of San Jose.

Larson said, "Captain Frisby has handled many of the toughest cases and issues for our Police Department, and his leadership and long-standing commitment to Los Gatos and Monte Sereno will build upon the Police Department's goal of *Getting to Know Everyone in the Community*."

"I am honored to be selected as the future Chief of this outstanding department serving the fine communities of Los Gatos and Monte Sereno. I look forward to building on our excellent foundation of providing quality police services, engaging in community problem-solving and growing strong community relationships," said Frisby.

Santa Clara County District Attorney Jeff Rosen said, "Under Chief Scott Seaman's leadership, the Los Gatos/Monte Sereno Police Department has been a model law enforcement agency: proactive, innovative, effective, and community-focused. Chief Seaman's shoes are huge ones to fill, but I know from experience that there is no one better than Matt Frisby to step up as the next Police Chief for Los Gatos and Monte Sereno."

Matt Frisby began as a Reserve Police Officer for the Los Gatos/Monte Sereno Police Department 21 years ago and has risen to the rank of Captain, serving as Acting Chief when necessary. Frisby has supervised all Police operations, including Patrol, Support Services, and Investigations. Key organizational improvements led by Captain Frisby include establishment of the Corporal rank, internal evaluations and accountability, training and succession planning, and budget prioritization.

Frisby was the lead investigator in the successful response and prosecution for the 2008 murder of Los Gatos businessman Mark Achilli. The Department received the Commission of Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) Investigative Excellence Award for the handling of the Achilli homicide investigation, as well as recognition from the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Frisby's prior assignments include serving as a Task Force Agent and Supervisor for the California Bureau of Narcotics, Department Intelligence Officer, Arrest and Control Supervisor, Terrorism Liaison Officer and Field Training Coordinator. Frisby is also the SWAT Command Officer and an instructor for the California POST management certificate program, providing classes in performance management and generational leadership for police supervisors throughout the State.

Frisby holds a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Union Institute & University in Ohio and a Masters' degree from the California State University at Long Beach. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute (SBSLI), a program designed for leadership and ethical decision-making in law enforcement.

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