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City of El Paso Appoints New El Paso Police Chief

EL PASO, Texas—The City of El Paso is pleased to announce the selection of Peter Pacillas as the new El Paso Police Chief.

Pacillas, who had been serving as Assistant Police Chief since 2009, was appointed Interim Police Chief in February 2023 following the death of longtime Police Chief Greg Allen. Pacillas graduated from the El Paso Police Academy in 1985 and has served in all ranks within the Police Department.

“Peter Pacillas is a dedicated law enforcement officer with an exceptional track record, a deep understanding of our community and a commitment to our City’s safety. Chief Pacillas has all the qualities needed to lead the El Paso Police Department,” said Interim City Manager Cary Westin. “Born and raised right here in El Paso he has lived and breathed the values and culture of our City his entire life. I’m confident Chief Pacillas will continue to demonstrate thoughtful and effective decision-making as well as strong leadership in action. He is a remarkable example of our home-grown, gifted leaders who make a positive difference in our community each and every day.”

Westin said Pacillas has proven himself in key assignments over his career serving as a member of the Central Patrol Station, Tactical Division, Northeast Substation, Pebble Hills Regional Command, Training Academy, Support Services Division, Directed Investigation Division, Bomb Squad, and SWAT Team. He has a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership from Mountain State University.

“Throughout Chief Pacillas’ career, he has consistently exhibited leadership, integrity, and a deep understanding of the unique needs and challenges facing our border community,” said Deputy City Manager Mario D’Agostino. “He has a proven track record of fostering strong relationships between law enforcement officers and the community, and prioritizing officer training and well-being. He has a clear vision for enhancing public safety while ensuring that the rights and dignity of all residents are protected.”

The selection of Chief Pacillas was made after a comprehensive and competitive search process that included input from community stakeholders, city officials, and members from various law enforcement agencies.

“I am honored and humbled to serve as the next Police Chief of El Paso,” said Chief Pacillas. “I am committed to working closely with our officers, community partners, and residents to create a safer and more inclusive city for everyone. Together, we will continue to build trust, transparency, and accountability within our police department.”

ABOUT THE EL PASO POLICE DEPARTMENT

The El Paso Police Department mission is to preserve life, to provide services with integrity and dedication, to enforce the law, and to work in partnership with the community to enhance the quality of life in the City of El Paso.

For more information about EPPD visit, www.ElPasoTexas.gov/Police-Department/.

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