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Yorba Linda selects Captain Walehwa as new Chief of Police Services

YORBA LINDA, Ca. (December 15, 2021): The city of Yorba Linda on Tuesday, December 14, selected Captain Joses Walehwa as their new Chief of Police Services.

"I am honored to have been selected the next Chief of Police Services for the city of Yorba Linda and look forward to serving the residents as a member of an exceptional team," Captain Walehwa said.

Captain Walehwa was born in Kampala, Uganda and immigrated to the United States with his family in 1976. He joined the Orange County Sheriff's Department in 2005 when he transferred from the Scott County Sheriff's Office in Iowa.

In his time with the Sheriff's Department, he has worked in Custody Operations, Court Operations, Patrol Operations, the Professional Standards Division and the Training Division. He also has served on the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team and as the department's Public Information Officer.

Most recently, Captain Walehwa served as Academy Commander for the Orange County Sheriff's Department Regional Training Academy overseeing the training and mentorship of future peace officers from agencies across Southern California.

Captain Walehwa holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Iowa and a master's degree in criminal justice from Saint Ambrose University.

Captain Walehwa will begin serving as Chief of Police Services on January 14. Yorba Linda's current Chief of Police Services, Cory Martino, will be promoted to Commander of Southwest Operations on January 14.