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Aliso Viejo selects Captain Scott Merrill as new Chief of Police Services

ALISO VIEJO, Ca. (February 28, 2022): The city of Aliso Viejo has selected Captain Scott Merrill to serve as the new Chief of Police Services.

"I have had the opportunity to serve the City of Aliso Viejo in a variety of assignments in my time with the Sheriff's Department, and I look forward to bringing that experience to my new role as Chief of Police Services," Captain Merrill said. "I am honored to have been selected and look forward to serving the city alongside an exceptional team."

Captain Merrill joined the Orange County Sheriff's Department in 1997 after serving as a combat infantryman in the United States Marine Corps. In his time with the Sheriff's Department, he has served in Custody Operations, Motorcycle Enforcement and as an investigator with the Economic Crimes Detail and the Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center.

As a supervisor, Captain Merrill has been assigned to Custody Operations, Patrol Operations, Investigations and the Motorcycle Enforcement Detail. He also worked multiple ancillary assignments, including coordinating training for Drug Recognition Experts and supervising the department's response on the Major Accident Reconstruction Team. Most recently, he served as a Lieutenant at the Theo Lacy Facility, overseeing day-to-day operations.

Captain Merrill has a bachelor's degree from Columbia College of Missouri. He is married to his wife of 27 years and has two grown children. Captain Merrill will begin serving the City of Aliso Viejo March 11 following the retirement of current Chief of Police Services, Captain Chad Kajfasz.

