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CLAYTON HIRES NEW POLICE CHIEF

Clayton, CA – Following a comprehensive search, the City of Clayton is pleased to announce Richard McEachin Jr. as their new Chief of Police. McEachin brings an impressive background as a law enforcement professional, beginning his career with the Brentwood Police Department in 2004. McEachin was hired by the Clayton Police Department in 2005. During his 12-year tenure with the department, Chief McEachin served in several positions throughout the organization and left the department in 2016 after serving several years at the rank of Police Sergeant.

Chief McEachin left the Clayton Police Department in 2016 and spent two years as an officer at the Oakley Police Department. In January 2018, Richard McEachin was hired as the Police Chief at the Dos Palos Police Department. He has remained as the Police Chief in Dos Palos, serving with distinction for the past 5 years.

As an 18-year veteran of law enforcement service, Chief McEachin is a great communicator and an individual who has a strong capacity for caring about both the community and the staff he is responsible for. “From the women and men of the police department to our very engaged community, I am confident that Chief McEachin will build trust and respect to keep Clayton moving forward,” said City Manager Reina Schwartz.

“For many years, I have had my sights set on the Chief’s position in Clayton. I am truly excited to return to Clayton to be part of this amazing city organization. Since becoming a Police Chief in Dos Palos, I have looked forward to someday returning to Clayton. I am sincerely looking forward to lending my leadership experience to the Clayton Police Department and working with such a great team of committed public safety professionals,” said Chief McEachin. “Clayton is a wonderful, supportive and engaged community, and I am eager to once again become a part of this very special place.”

Interim Police Chief Joseph Kreins described Chief McEachin as a thoughtful, professional, and progressive leader. “The Clayton community will be fortunate to have Chief McEachin guiding and leading its police department, now and into the future. The department and the community are in good hands,” he said.

Chief McEachin holds both a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree in Criminal Justice from California Coast University. Chief McEachin has achieved his Peace Officers Standard and Training (POST) Executive and Management Certificates.

Chief McEachin will begin his new post in Clayton on November 14, 2022.

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