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Robert Luman Appointed Interim Police Chief of Newport Beach

NEWPORT BEACH, Ca. – Robert Luman has been appointed interim chief of the Newport Beach Police Department. He will join the department on Friday, July 10 to fill the vacancy created by Chief John Klein’s retirement.

City Manager Homer Bludau said, “Chief Luman’s impressive professional career includes extensive experience working in large police departments. He is well respected among his peers and we consistently heard the word “integrity” used in conjunction with his name during our search process. He is very enthusiastic about serving Newport Beach on an interim basis and I believe his personality and demeanor will fit the department and the community well.”

Chief Luman’s law enforcement career spans nearly four decades. He began his career as a police officer for the Long Beach Police Department (LBPD) and was gradually promoted through the ranks until being appointed chief of police in 1996. He retired from the LBPD in 1999, after serving the agency for 32 years.

Luman also served as interim police chief for the City of Riverside for nearly eight months in 2000. He later served as chief of police for the City of Redondo Beach from 2002 to 2006. Since retiring from Redondo Beach, Luman worked as a consultant for The Willdan Group and currently serves as an adjunct faculty member at Los Angeles Harbor College.

He holds a Masters of Public Administration from the University of Southern California and a Bachelor’s Degree from California State University, Dominguez Hills.

“Newport Beach is a premier city in Southern California and I look forward to being a member of the police department and working with the city management team,” Luman said. “The men and women of the Newport Beach Police Department have a reputation as true law enforcement professionals.

They are willing to take the risks necessary to ensure public safety while forging strong bonds with the community. I look forward to continuing the development of community oriented solutions to public safety issues; for it is this vital bond between the police and the community that ensures public safety and significantly mitigates crime.”

Chief Luman agreed to a six-month employment agreement for \$110,000 with Newport Beach. The agreement does not include retirement or health benefits, but the chief will be permitted to drive a city-owned vehicle.

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