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Mayor-Elect LaFrance announces Chief of Police

Anchorage, AK—Today, Mayor-Elect LaFrance announced that Deputy Chief Sean Case will take over the role of Chief of Police of the Anchorage Police Department, effective July 1.

Statement from Mayor-Elect LaFrance:

Public safety is the number one job of local government, and a responsibility that I do not take lightly. With the significant public safety challenges Anchorage is facing right now, we need a Police Chief with extensive APD leadership experience. Deputy Chief Case not only brings that experience, but also deep understanding of policing policies that will make all Anchorage residents safer.

I met with Chief Bianca Cross several times during this transition. Her many years of service with APD have been defined by exemplary police work, and I am grateful for her dedicated service to our community.

From restaffing APD to addressing violent crime and deepening community trust, we have a lot of work to do. That work includes a responsibility to establish much deeper partnerships with the BIPOC community, to listen, and to take actions that demonstrate a commitment to safety, healing, and justice.

I am committed to working with Incoming Chief Case, APD, and our community partners from day one to put these priorities into action.

Sean Case, Incoming Chief of Police

Case has been in law enforcement for over 23 years, serving as a SWAT operator, K9 handler, School Resource Officer, Patrol Sergeant, Internal Affairs Investigator and Commander, Patrol Shift Commander, and the Captain of the Patrol, Administration and Inspection Divisions, and the Deputy Chief of Police.

During his time at APD, Case has focused on innovative ways to reduce crime and recidivism in Anchorage. He spearheaded criminal and mental health diversion programs in the department and was responsible for starting the Mobile Intervention Team, assigning social workers and police officers together to respond to residents in mental health crises. Case has also focused on how to recruit and retain more officers to the Anchorage Police Department by partnering with local



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organizations, and has worked to find creative solutions to use professional staff within the department to expand APD's capacity.

Case has a master's degree in Criminology from Indiana State University, a master's degree in the Psychology of Leadership from Pennsylvania State University and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. In 2017, Case was appointed to the Alaska Criminal Justice Commission to bring a creative, data-driven perspective that would ensure the Commission's focus on decreasing crime while increasing community trust and safety.

Case conducts training nationally on use of force and force investigations, internal affairs operations, and documenting and evaluating training. Case has worked with multiple police departments across the country developing effective and impartial police policies. He is a board member of a non-profit victims advocate group.

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