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El Centro Interim Police Chief Appointed

El Centro, CA – December 19, 2017 – The City of El Centro is pleased to announce that Executive Commander Alvaro Ramirez has been appointed as the Interim Police Chief, effective Tuesday, December 19th. This comes after El Centro Police Chief Eddie Madueño announced his retirement effective December 28, 2017, after 33 years of service to the city.

A native of El Centro, graduate from Central Union High School, and proud husband and father, Alvaro Ramirez started his career with the El Centro Police department as a patrol officer in 2002 after serving in the United States Marine Corps from 1996 to 2000. As a police officer, he worked patrol, served as a field-training officer, was a part of the department's range training team, a member of the SWAT team and Honor Guard, and worked as a School Resource officer. He promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2010 where he worked patrol and administration while continuing his work with the SWAT team, range training, and the Honor Guard. In 2013, Alvaro Ramirez earned his Bachelor of Science in Business with an emphasis in Project Management from the University of Phoenix and later that year was promoted to Commander where he had an opportunity to work with all divisions within the department. In 2015, he earned his Master in Public Administration from San Diego State University and in 2016 was promoted to Executive Commander where he has served as Chief Eddie Madueño's right-hand man.

"Alvaro brings a significant law enforcement background to the position of Interim Police Chief for El Centro", said Marcela Piedra, Deputy City Manager. "His experience will allow him to work effectively with the Police Department personnel and residents of the El Centro community." The city has begun the search for a new Police Chief, and it's anticipated that recruitment and hiring for the new Police Chief will take approximately 3-4 months.

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