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Livermore Police Chief Announces Retirement

Livermore, CA – Livermore Police Chief Steve Sweeney announced his retirement after a 32-year career in local government. Chief Sweeney will close his 29 years with the City of Livermore – the last five as Chief of Police -- on March 29, 2013.

Chief Sweeney began his career in law enforcement as a Reserve Officer in the Town of Moraga in 1981. In 1984, Chief Sweeney came to Livermore; he served as a patrol officer and a member of the Livermore SWAT unit. He became a detective in 1990 where his work focused on protecting the lives of children in the Livermore community. Chief Sweeney later served as a Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain before taking the Chief of Police position in 2006.

Neighborhood Watch programs and Police Department community outreach efforts expanded during Chief Sweeney's tenure. Such activities reflected his commitment to residents and their quality-of-life as a top priority. Under his leadership, the City of Livermore joined the East Bay Regional Communication System, an interagency radio system that improves emergency communications between public safety agencies in the East Bay. Chief Sweeney was also instrumental in merging the City of Livermore and City of Pleasanton SWAT teams in order to provide expanded resources in specialized police services. Chief Sweeney acknowledged he is most proud of the working relationships he established with countywide agencies as well as the partnerships that Livermore enjoys in sharing and deploying public safety resources in the region.

Livermore Mayor John Marchand credits Chief Sweeney for creating a top-notch public safety department. "The excellence of our police department is a direct reflection of Chief Sweeney's unparalleled leadership. I have been honored to work with a chief of his caliber, and Livermore is a better place because he has served our community so well. I wish him all of the best in his well-earned retirement."

Chief Sweeney is a member of the California Police Chiefs Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and has been a Livermore Rotarian for four years. Chief

Sweeney plans to remain in Livermore, and dedicate more time to his wife and their three children.

Sweeney earned his Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and a Master's of Public Administration from California State University, Hayward (East Bay), and holds a California Police Officers Standards and Training Command College certificate.

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