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### *Captain Ian Willis Appointed New Police Chief*

On August 6, City Manager Steve Hollister permanently appointed Police Captain Ian Willis as Chief of the San Leandro Police Department. Willis has been acting as Interim Police Chief since the retirement of Chief Dale Attarian on December 30, 2008.

With the department for 25 years, and an officer with the Foster City Police Department for three years before that, Willis has worked virtually all aspects of police work in his extensive career. His assignments have included SWAT, Field Training Officer, Certified Evidence Technician, Rangemaster, and he has had a special interest in working with schools in San Leandro and youth gang prevention. Willis promoted through the ranks in the SLPD, with appointment as Police Captain in January 2007.

“I am honored to be named the Chief of Police for the San Leandro Police Department,” Willis said. “I enjoy working with the talented, dedicated and professional staff. I look forward to working with the community to keep San Leandro safe.”

“Chief Willis has an exceptional record of service and dedication to the community of San Leandro,” stated Hollister. While a state-wide search was conducted for a new Police Chief, “Willis’ breadth of experience in law enforcement certainly made him the most highly qualified candidate for our Police Department. He is well respected by the department, City staff and the community,” Hollister said.

Willis was born in Uppsala, Sweden, immigrating to the United States with his family at the age of two. He was raised in Berkeley, graduated from Berkeley High School, obtained his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix, plus completed studies in Administration of Justice at Chabot College. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He served in the United States Coast Guard as a Reservist for six years.

His community service includes membership in San Leandro Kiwanis, coaching youth soccer, and as Den Leader and Assistant Cub Master with the Boy Scouts of America while his son was in scouting. He is enthusiastic about physical fitness and weight training, and has competed seven times in the Police Athletic Games. Willis and his wife Janine have two children, Kimberly and Brad.

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