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Claremont Police Chief Aaron Fate **Announces Retirement**

CLAREMONT, CA – Claremont Police Chief Aaron Fate has announced that he will be retiring from the Claremont Police Department after more than 26 years of service. Chief Fate’s last day will be April 1, 2025.

“The greatest part about being the Police Chief has been watching the development and accomplishments of the members of the Department. I am inspired by the men and women of the Claremont Police Department, who exemplify the very best in law enforcement. It has been a privilege to lead them for the past three and a half years,” said Chief Fate.

In his career with the Claremont Police Department, Chief Fate brought a standard of excellence to the Department that has earned it a reputation of professionalism in the region. Under Chief Fate’s leadership, the Department has implemented new technology and training to assist law enforcement officers. He has worked to improve the Claremont Police Station, upgrading infrastructure and expanding facilities for officers and staff. He has focused on increasing and diversifying training for officers to ensure they have the tools to do their jobs effectively and efficiently.

Chief Fate began his career with the Claremont Police Department in 1999 when he was hired as a Police Officer. Upon his hiring, he was sent to the San Bernardino Sheriff Academy where he graduated number one in his class.

Over his career with the Claremont Police Department, he has worked a variety of assignments, including working as an Explorer Post advisor, a Field Training Officer, a Motor Officer, a DARE officer, and a Detective. As a Sergeant, he was entrusted with the responsibility of being the Support Services Division manager overseeing the Records, Communications, and Jail Bureaus. As a Lieutenant, he served as a patrol Watch Commander.

In 2016, he was promoted to Captain where he oversaw the Operations Division along with holding the responsibilities of budget, program, and policy management. As Captain, he conducted outreach to businesses on crime prevention, led training for the Citizen's Academy, and managed community crime prevention programs.

Chief Fate has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and graduated from the POST Institute of Criminal Investigation. He graduated from the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute (SLI), and Command College where he earned the Dorothy Harris Award for Academic Excellence.

He was selected by his peers as the Police Officer of the Year in 2006 and was selected as Supervisor of the Year in 2013, 2014, and 2016. Chief Fate has been recognized with the Police Commission Distinguished Service Medal, the Police Excellence Medal, and the Life Saving Medal. In 2006, he was awarded the City Manager's Award of Excellence, and in 2016, he was awarded the City's Management Employee of the Year.

He was selected as the Chief of Police in 2021 and has spent the last three years fostering an environment that encourages employees to provide the best possible service to the community. During his time as Chief, he served as the Vice President and President of the San Gabriel Valley Police Chief's Association. He was a member of the Criminal Justice Advisory Board for Citrus College, helping to develop strategies to increase the exposure and interest of students in the field of criminal justice.

"I would like to congratulate Aaron on a well-deserved retirement and express my sincere thanks to him for his years of leadership and friendship," said City Manager Adam Pirrie. "Aaron is going to be missed not only by the Police Department but by the entire Claremont community. Aaron has been an exemplary public servant and his thoughtful, compassionate approach to community-oriented policing has greatly benefited our community."

"Over the past three years, Aaron has focused on preparing and positioning the Police Department's management team for the future," continued Pirrie, "Over the next few months we will be working with the management team on implementing a new leadership plan for the Department."

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