



Arroyo Grande Police Department

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Arroyo Grande Chief of Police Steven Annibali to Retire on August 8th



Arroyo Grande's Chief of Police Steven N. Annibali announced his retirement today, marking the end of nearly four decades of law enforcement service. Chief Annibali has served as Arroyo Grande's Chief since August 27, 2007.

Chief Annibali's last day will be August 8th and he will be recognized at Tuesday night's Council meeting for his ten years of service to the City of Arroyo Grande and the region.

Chief Annibali began his formal law enforcement career with the Los Angeles Police Department in 1978. He served in the San Diego County Sheriff's Department prior to relocating to Colorado, where he later served as the Chief in the ski resort town of Breckenridge. Following Breckenridge, he served as Chief for the community of Ephrata Pennsylvania prior to being selected as Arroyo Grande's Chief.

While Chief of Police in Arroyo Grande, Chief Annibali implemented major changes in the area of professional standards, technology, training and crime analysis. He also implemented many model cost-effective initiatives such as fleet leasing, contract services, and the Neighborhood Services unit – a program that concentrated on quality of life issues in the city. Due to financial challenges, Chief Annibali took the bold step of rethinking facility needs. Focusing on value engineering and repurposing, this vision led to the reconstruction of the existing police facility for half the estimated cost of the proposed new facility.

Recognized as a subject matter expert in the area of law enforcement ethics and professional standards, Chief Annibali served as a leading member of the International

Association of Chiefs of Police – Professional Standards, Image and Ethics Committee, serving as a presenter, advisor/mentor and instructor in the area of leadership, ethics, integrity and professionalism.

“I have had the opportunity to serve in a variety of unique and supportive communities over the years. However, my time in Arroyo Grande has been some of the most rewarding in my career.” said Annibali. *“I have profound respect for the city and staff, the police department and the citizens of Arroyo Grande – I cannot thank them enough for their unwavering support over the years.”*

“Chief Annibali’s leadership and service to the City of Arroyo Grande will be seen for many decades in the future not only in the enhanced police facilities, but in the high and uncompromising expectations he instilled in the Police Department itself.” Said City Manager Jim Bergman

Commander Beau Pryor will serve as the Interim Chief of Police following Annibali’s retirement.