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Ed Barberini is San Mateo's Next Police Chief

Current San Bruno Police Chief Hired to Lead City's Law Enforcement Department

San Mateo, CA — The City of San Mateo is getting a new leader in law enforcement as Ed Barberini has been hired as the next Chief of Police.

Following a months-long national search, City Manager Drew Corbett announced today that Barberini was chosen for his diverse law enforcement background and extensive experience in San Mateo County. The current San Bruno Chief of Police, Barberini will be assuming his new position with the San Mateo Police Department on Feb. 3, 2020.

"San Mateo is a great place to work, and we were fortunate to have a strong pool of applicants to choose from. Chief Barberini rose to the top based on his vast experience and strong record of leadership throughout the county. I'm thrilled to welcome him to San Mateo," Corbett said. "He will serve as a strong leader for all aspects of the department, from ensuring we continue to recruit top talent, to maintaining our strong relationships with the community."



Barberini brings 25 years of law enforcement experience, including having spent the last 5 years as Chief of the San Bruno Police Department and 2 years as Chief of Police for the Millbrae Police Bureau. He spent over two decades with the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office garnering experience in a variety of disciplines including administration, transportation, corrections, field operations, court security and working on the bomb squad. He also served as director of the county's Office of Emergency Services and Homeland Security.

As San Mateo's next Chief of Police, he will be responsible for overseeing a roughly \$47-million annual budget for a department that's comprised of approximately 170 law enforcement personnel, including 115 sworn officers.

"San Mateo is fortunate to have such a talented and dedicated group of people working to enhance the quality of life for those who live, work and visit the City. I am extremely excited to join this team and help carry on the excellent work being done not only within the police department, but throughout the City," Barberini said. "I could not be more grateful for the tremendous opportunity to work with the entire community to ensure the City of San Mateo continues to be the very special place it is."

A lifelong resident of San Mateo County, Barberini lives in neighboring Belmont with his wife Jackie. He earned a Master of Public Administration from California State University, East Bay; a Master of Arts in Homeland Security Studies from the Naval Post Graduate School, and a bachelor's degree in political science from San Francisco State University. Barberini completed the California Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Command College, Harvard University's Senior Executives in State and Local Government program, and the Local Governance Institute at Stanford University. He is a member of numerous professional organizations, and was last year's president of the San Mateo County Police Chiefs and Sheriff Association.

Barberini will be taking the helm of the department on Feb. 3, 2020, following long-time Police Chief Susan Manheimer's retirement at the year's end. San Mateo Police Capt. Dave Norris will serve as Acting Police Chief in the interim.

"Law enforcement is one of the most vital services local government provides, and San Mateo has been very fortunate to have had the dedication of Chief Manheimer for nearly two decades," Corbett said. "I'm confident Chief Barberini will build upon this strong foundation, be a valued member of San Mateo's executive team and contribute to the organization as a whole. Thanks to the dedicated men and women of our police department, we will continue our 21st century community-based policing for the betterment of San Mateo."

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