



Pembroke Pines Police Department



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MEDIA RELEASE

ASSIGNED PIO: Amanda Conwell

DATE OF MEDIA RELEASE: February 20, 2024

TIME OF MEDIA RELEASE: Click here to enter text. **p.m.**

CASE NUMBER: Click here to enter text.

CHARGE/INCIDENT: Transition of Command / Promotion

DATE OF OCCURRENCE: February 29, 2024

TIME OF OCCURRENCE: Click here to enter text. **a.m.**

PLACE OF OCCURRENCE: Click here to enter text.

SUSPECT(S) - NAME, AGE, DOB, RACE, SEX, ADDRESS:

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VICTIM(S) - NAME, AGE, DOB, RACE, SEX, ADDRESS:

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INCIDENT SUMMARY:

After serving the Pembroke Pines community with honor & distinction for twenty-nine years, Police Chief Kipp Shimpeno will be retiring effective February 29, 2024.

Chief Kipp Shimpeno joined the Pembroke Pines Police Department in 1994, after graduating from the 169th session of the Broward County Police Academy. Prior to becoming a police officer, Chief Shimpeno attended Florida State University where he received a Bachelor of Science in Social Science.

Chief Shimpeno served as a Patrol Officer and Field Training Officer until 2004, at which time he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. During his time as a Sergeant, Chief Shimpeno oversaw various Patrol squads, the K-9 Unit, and later multiple Investigations Division units such as General Crimes, Crime Scene, and Auto Theft. Chief Shimpeno was subsequently promoted to the position of Captain in 2013, where he served in the capacity of a Patrol Shift Captain until 2015 when he was assigned as the Investigations Division Captain overseeing all

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investigative units.

Chief Shimpeno was promoted to the rank of Major in 2016 and oversaw the Operations Bureau which includes the Patrol, Investigations, and Special Operations Divisions. During his career with the Pembroke Pines Police Department, Chief Shimpeno has completed thousands of hours of specialized training. In 2018, Chief Shimpeno was named the Deputy Chief of Operations until his promotion to Chief of Police in January of 2019.

Following the departure of Chief Kipp Shimpeno, Major Jose J. Vargas has been selected to serve as the 10th Police Chief for the Pembroke Pines Police Department. Incoming Chief Vargas has proudly served the City of Pembroke Pines since 2001. During his time with the department Major Jose J. Vargas has held the following positions, including ranks & specialized units: Operations Bureau Major, Specialized Services Major, Administration Bureau Major, Special Operations Division Captain, SWAT Commander, Patrol Captain, Sergeant of the Vice, Intelligence, and Narcotics (VIN) Unit, Anti-Terrorism & Intelligence, Field Training Sergeant, Patrol Sergeant, Motor Officer, Traffic Homicide Investigator, Crisis Response Team Negotiator, Field Force, and Patrol Officer.

Major Vargas holds the following degrees: Doctorate in Leadership & Management from Saint Thomas University, Master of Public Administration from Barry University, Bachelor in Psychology & Sociology from Florida Atlantic University, Associate of Arts from Broward College, and a Certificate of Criminal Justice Education from the University of Virginia.

Major Vargas is a graduate of the FBI National Academy Session 281 and has completed the Command Officers Development course with the University of Louisville's Southern Police Institute, the Executive Leadership Program with Nova Southeastern University, Leadership in Police Organizations training with the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and the Florida Leadership Academy with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Major Vargas is a recipient of the Life Saving Award, Chief's Achievement Award, Distinguished Service Award, Administrative Excellence Award, and was named Officer of the Year in 2008. He also received the Director's Award for Academic Excellence from the Southern Police Institute and several special recognitions from the community.

A promotional ceremony will take place on February 21, 2024 which will encompass the swearing in of incoming Chief of Police Jose J. Vargas, as well as several Assistant Chiefs, Captains, and Sergeants. This ceremony will be held in the Great Hall of the Charles F. Dodge City Center (601 City Center Way) at 4 p.m., and is open to the public.

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