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## The City of Alamogordo Has Hired a New Police Chief

**Alamogordo, NM Friday, March 16, 2018** The City of Alamogordo is pleased to announce the hiring of a new Police Chief, Brian Peete. In a process that included 20 applicants, Peete was selected for the position due to his vast experience in police administration and his ability to bring new ideas to the Alamogordo Police Department. Peete will also be introducing new training and education opportunities to the Department.

The process for hire consisted of a first round of essay questions, which focused on hot topic issues and matters relevant to modern law enforcement, which narrowed the field down to five candidates. Interviews were then conducted the morning of March 8th in addition to tours of the City of Alamogordo. The evening of March 8th, three applicants attended a meet and greet with APD staff, City leadership and Commissioners. Those in attendance were encouraged to fill-out comment cards, and share their thoughts on their interactions with each of the candidates. The final three had second interviews with City leadership the morning of March 9th and Brian Peete was selected out of the final three candidates. Peete accepted the offer to be the City of Alamogordo's new Police Chief and will assume the role the first week of April.

Mike Lawrence, will continue in the role of Acting Police Chief until Peete arrives and will then assume the role of Deputy Police Chief and Roger Schoolcraft as Captain. "The recent decision to implement command staff changes within the police department were wholeheartedly supported by me. Our command staff at the police department is both diverse and transitional as it should be. I look forward to working under the direction of Deputy Chief Michael Lawrence and Chief Brian Peete. I know the police department is moving in a positive direction and I am excited to be a part of the departments future," said Captain Schoolcraft.

Peete is excited to be serving in the Alamogordo community once again. He was previously stationed at Holloman Air Force Base from 2001 to 2002. He has a wife and a young daughter that he is excited to raise in this community. Previously, Peete had worked as a Chief Forensic Audit Investigator in Chicago, Illinois. He also has experience as the Chief Investigator of the Inspector General, also in Chicago, and is a retired Captain of the United States Air Force, where he worked as a Flight Commander of various squadrons throughout his military career. Peete stated "Alamogordo was by far the best assignment I've had since being in the military" and that Alamogordo has "always felt like home to me." APD staff and City Leadership are excited to welcome him back to our community.

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