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## **APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR/POLICE CHIEF FOR CITY OF CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON**

CITY OF SOUTH TUCSON — The City of South Tucson is pleased to announce that Danny Denogean has been selected as the City’s Interim Public Safety Director/Chief of Police.

He will oversee both Police and Fire Departments and will be responsible for continuing the community’s high level of policing and fire services, growing successful public safety outreach programs, and at the same time, providing an important perspective on the City’s management team.

Denogean has 31 years of a law enforcement and public safety experience with the Tucson Police Department and retired earlier this year as a Lieutenant.

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## Personal Bio: **Danny Denogean**

### Chief Denogean Personal Bio

Chief Daniel “Danny” Denogean was born in Tucson, AZ and raised in the “Jollyville” neighborhood on Tucson’s westside. Danny’s late father, Jose Denogean immigrated from Cananea, Mexico in the 1940’s as a small child and grew up in “Las Vistas”. Danny’s mother Susan worked as a vocational and social service counselor in South Tucson for 20 years. Danny attended Miles Elementary, Tully Elementary, and John Spring Junior High before graduating from Tucson High School in 1982. His wife of 31 years, Mellissa was raised in Barrio Hollywood and has been a Registered Nurse for 19 years. They have raised two children, who live and work in the Tucson Metropolitan area.

Chief Denogean has 31 years of a law enforcement and public safety experience with the Tucson Police Department. He began his career in 1990 assigned to the Southside Patrol Division in Las Vistas and South Park neighborhoods. During this period, he worked on project TALON which targeted drug activity on South Park. He then became an Investigator on Tucson’s West side and then later transferred to patrol to become a Field Training Officer.

In 1996 Chief Denogean was promoted to Detective and assigned to the Gang Unit. His assignments during this time were working all violent crimes involving gangs including homicides. He was the lead detective in many homicide cases including the successful prosecution of two subjects in the murder of a Drug Enforcement Agency informant. He testified in many trials as a gang expert. He then moved to the Fraud Unit where he worked embezzlement, Identity theft, fraud, and mail theft cases.

In 2003 Chief Denogean was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and spent seven years in that position. As a Sergeant, he led a squad on Tucson’s South side in Patrol before assuming the position of the Southside Neighborhood Crimes Detective Sergeant where he ensured property crimes, burglaries, narcotic cases, and prohibited cases were investigated. He then went on to lead the School Resource Unit and Gang Outreach Unit. He successfully implemented multiple grants including the Underage Tobacco Grant and the Gang Mentoring Grant. During his time in the Gang Outreach Unit, he developed an eight-week summer program that focused on at risk youth. The program focused on mentoring, teaching life skills, and taking kids to events such as movies or a Diamondbacks baseball game.

Chief Denogean has spent his past ten years on the Tucson Police Department as a Lieutenant. His first role as a Commander was to lead the Downtown Patrol Division which included patrol squads, neighborhood detective squad and acting as the Incident Commander for many of the protests held by the Occupy Tucson Movement and anti-war protests. His next assignment as a Lieutenant was heading the Traffic Division, managing Detectives who investigating all the fatal traffic collisions in Tucson and the DUI Unit. He then went on to command the Special Investigations Unit where he led the Gang Detectives, Gang Tactical Officers, the Home Invasion Unit, and managed the Stonegarden Grant for the City of Tucson, which targeted narcotics and violent crimes.

Danny Denogean also commanded Tucson's Midtown Patrol Division, leading patrol squads, neighborhood detective squad, and the division motor squad. He then headed the Counter Narcotics Alliance, managing the Mid-Level Transportation unit which handled narcotics being transported by trains, shuttles, and on the highways. He was also responsible for the Issuing unit that was responsible for issuing all the narcotic cases in Tucson and the Forfeiture and Seizure Unit.

Danny Denogean holds a Bachelor of Science in Public Administration with an Emphasis in Personnel Management from the University of Arizona. He is also a graduate of the Northwestern University of Police Staff and Command and completed the Eller College Southwest Leadership Program and Eller Foundations of Public Sector Leadership. Danny Denogean has also served on several committees to include MAPIC (Medicine Abuse Prevention Initiative Collaboration) Underage Drinking (Chairman), MAPIC Prescription Drug Overdose (chairman), and the Arizona Bowl committee.