



# NEWS RELEASE

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#### City of Menifee's Police Chief Pat Walsh recognized by District Attorney's Office

MENIFEE-On April 12, during a media event commemorating National Crime Victim's Rights week, held by Santa Barbara County's District Attorney Office, former Lompoc Chief of Police and current City of Menifee Chief of Police, Pat Walsh was recognized for his commitment to the community of Lompoc and outstanding services to the victims of crime.

Former Lompoc Police Chief Pat Walsh, was appointed by City Manager Armando G. Villa as the first Chief of Police for the City of Menifee on April 2, 2019. Chief Walsh was chosen out of 49 qualified applicants due to his dedication throughout his 35 years as a law enforcement leader. Chief Walsh will lead the formation of Menifee's first Police Department, launching July 2020.

"We are very proud of Chief Walsh, and commend Santa Barbara County District Attorney Office for recognizing Chief Walsh for his work and commitment to the victim's of crime," said City Manager Armando Villa. "This award is a testament that Menifee has the right Police Chief for our growing community, and that Chief Walsh is exactly the kind of leader for our Police Department that we need."

Chief Walsh was honored during the media event on April 12, for treating crime victims with care during his years of law enforcement. Santa Barbara District Attorney Joyce Dudley states, "We stand together with the individuals being honored [today, who are] committed to protecting and upholding Victims' Rights as well as the public's safety. Our office is dedicated to the pursuit of truth and justice by employing the highest ethical standards in vigorously prosecuting the guilty as well as protecting the innocent; this we do by seeking to insure that all crime victims are treated with fairness, dignity and respect."

Chief Walsh is widely known in the law enforcement community for his steadfast dedication to the study of police procedures as well as, the ever changing science and best practices that strengthens the profession. Walsh began his law enforcement career as a deputy sheriff in Los Angeles County in 1984, where he later transferred to the Portland Police Bureau in Oregon in 1992 and served the city of Portland, Oregon, for 22 years. Walsh later returned to California and in 2014 became Lompoc's Chief of Police, finally coming home to Menifee as the first Chief of Police on April 2, 2019. For more information about the formation of Menifee's Police Department, please contact Police Chief Walsh at [pwalsh@cityofmenifee.us](mailto:pwalsh@cityofmenifee.us) or (951) 672-6777

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**ABOUT MENIFEE:** *Situated in the heart of southern Riverside County along Interstate 215, Menifee is a vibrant, new city of more than 90,000 residents who enjoy a pleasant year-round climate, abundant recreational offerings, reasonably priced housing and convenient proximity to some of Southern California's premiere attractions and employment centers. Within its 50 square miles, Menifee's business, retail and entertainment outlets are starting to shape the community's character and this growing economic base is also contributing favorably to the city's strong financial position. Menifee's growing family-oriented population values the city's ongoing commitment to public safety, community events and smart growth for the future. All of these elements are working together to support the city's strategic vision to make Menifee one of the state's most promising new cities.*



The Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office  
Presents this  
**Victim Service Award**  
to  
**Pat Walsh**  
In Recognition of Her Compassion  
for Victims of Crime  
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