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Menifee Police Lieutenants sworn into service at Menifee City Council Meeting

MENIFEE, CA – The Menifee City Council, joined by the Menifee community, welcomed two new Menifee Police Lieutenants, Denise Keith and Heriberto Gutierrez, as they were sworn into service at a City Council Meeting on Wednesday, March 4 at 6 p.m. at City Hall (29844 Haun Road).

“Our swearing in ceremonies are a vital part of what we do in the police force,” said Chief of Police, Pat Walsh. “We want to showcase to the community the oath that the officers are taking, with their families present, as they are part of the commitment as well to building a strong public safety team.”

Lieutenant Denise Keith began her law enforcement career in Texas in 2005 and brings over 14 years of experience to the Menifee Police Department, including a year and half with the Denton County Sheriff’s Department and over 12 years with the Addison Police Department. She was promoted to Lieutenant in 2015 and supervised both the Patrol and Criminal Investigations Divisions. Prior to that, she served as sergeant for four years, spending time supervising patrol shifts, criminal investigations, and deployment.

Lieutenant Keith earned her bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from the University of North Texas. She also graduated from the Institute for Law Enforcement Administration (ILEA) – School of Executive Leadership and the Institute for Law Enforcement Administration (ILEA) – School of Police Supervision.

“These two lieutenants have already hit the ground running,” said Walsh. “They have already proven to be a critical part of the team and have made strides in assisting the team as we build the department.”

Lieutenant Heriberto Gutierrez began his career in law enforcement at the age of 14 when he joined the Police Explorer program with the City of South Gate Police Department. In 2000 he graduated from the Rio Hondo Police Academy as a City of South Gate police officer. During his career, he served as a patrol officer, gang officer, field training officer, SWAT officer, and narcotics detective.

In 2013, Lieutenant Gutierrez earned both his bachelor of science in Criminal Justice Management and a promotion to patrol sergeant. After his promotion, he supervised various specialized units, including the department’s Crime Impact Team (gang unit), SWAT team, and the Field Training Program. As a supervisor for the Field Training Program, Gutierrez took a lead role in creating an Active Shooter Response Program for officers and civilian employees alike, as well as implemented a paperless documentation and management system for the program.



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For more information on the Menifee Police Department, including positions that are currently open for recruitment, please visit www.MenifeePolice.org.

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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.*