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HAIL TO THE CHIEF: FUSD WELCOMES NEW TOP COP

FONTANA, CA –Last week, the Fontana Unified School District welcomed its new School Police Chief, Martin Sissac. As FUSD's top cop, he will head Fontana's School Police Department comprised of two sergeants, two corporals, twelve police officers, forty three district safety officers, and support staff – a department equal to that of many city police forces.

Chief Sissac comes to us with over two decades of police experience in both the municipal and K-12 education environments. In 1989, when he was a social work student at Cal State University, Long Beach (CSULB), he interned with the Inglewood Unified School District (IUSD). After his internship, IUSD offered him a job as an aide and assigned him to the Inglewood Police Department where he worked in their Police Activities League.

After graduation from Cal State University, Long Beach with a Bachelor's Degree in social work, he entered the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department's Police Academy and worked as a Deputy Sheriff. In 1993, he began working as a Police Officer at the Inglewood Police Department, where he worked various assignments and rose up the ranks to become Police Captain. In 2013, his career came full circle when he was assigned to the Inglewood Unified School District as their Chief of Police.

Not one to rest on his laurels, Chief Sissac is pursuing a Master of Social Work degree from USC, which he hopes to complete in 2019.

"We feel strongly that we have the perfect person for the job in Chief Sissac," said Superintendent Dr. Leslie Boozer. "His breadth of experiences and ability are going to serve us well in leading the officers of the Fontana School Police Department."

Board President BarBara Chavez agrees. "Chief Sissac understands the importance of making the safety of our students and staff, and the security of our campuses a top priority."

For his part, Chief Sissac says he has been impressed with the high caliber of training of the officers in the Fontana Police Service Department and looks forward to the challenges his new position will bring. "I am excited to work with a dedicated and caring group of policing professionals who understand our mission of academic achievement," said Chief Sissac.

Chief Sissac will be sworn in at a special ceremony held during the December 9th Board of Education meeting.

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