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NEW BUREAU COMMANDER MELISSA KING

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Torrance Police Chief Jeremiah 'Jay' Hart is pleased to announce the newest member of the Police Department's Executive Staff with the appointment of Melissa King as the Police Services Administrator. This position which a sworn Police Captain formally held has been reclassified to established Professional Staff into this leadership position.



A native of Washington State, Ms. King started her career serving communities in 2007 after graduating from Central Washington University with concurrent bachelor degrees in Law and Justice and a Bachelor degree in Sociology. Ms. King joins Torrance Police Department after serving the City of Bellevue Washington and the Bellevue Police Department for approximately 15 years. While at Bellevue, Ms. King helped to enhance the trust between the police department and the communities they served by increasing transparency and facilitating the equitable accessibility of police records through software solutions. Ms. King's law enforcement expertise resulted in her being the first civilian to be promoted to a Command position at Bellevue Police Department.

Ms. King continues her pioneering career by becoming the first civilian to be promoted to a Command position at Torrance Police Department. As the Police Service Administrator, Ms. King will have Command of the Records Division, Fleet Services Division, Property/Evidence Room, and the Detention Facility. When asked about the appointment, Ms. King stated, "I am excited to be a member of the Torrance Police Department and the Torrance Community. It is evident to me already that the Torrance Police Department is comprised of individuals dedicated to serving the community and promoting a positive community-policing partnership."

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Please help us welcome Melissa King to our community, she will be beginning her work as the Police Service Administrator on June 5th, 2023.

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