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# La Vista Announces New Police Chief

The City of La Vista is pleased to announce the hiring of Mike Schofield as the City's next Chief of Police/Director of Public Safety. Schofield, a 33-year law enforcement veteran and current Division Commander of the Shoal Creek Patrol Division of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, will join the department on Monday, June 3.

Schofield has held a variety of positions within the KCMO Police Department and has valuable experience and extensive knowledge in the areas of detention operations, patrol/criminal interdiction operations, community-oriented policing, counter-drug intelligence analysis, criminal investigations, planning for major event operations, patrol deployment strategies, intelligence led policing and information technology management.

Schofield has an Executive MBA with an emphasis in Organizational Leadership from Benedictine College; Master of Arts in National Security Studies from the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security, and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from Baker University.

"After an extensive search, it is a privilege to appoint Mike Schofield to serve as La Vista's next Chief of Police," said Mayor Douglas Kindig. "His impressive background and leadership experience give me complete confidence that he is the right person to guide and shape the future of our Police Department. I am impressed not only by his genuine nature, but his thorough understanding of the critical issues and priorities impacting law enforcement and our community. We look forward to working with him and welcoming him to La Vista."

Schofield rose to the top of a field of highly qualified candidates for this position and was one of three finalists who recently visited La Vista and interacted with residents during a community forum.

"The opportunity to join the La Vista Police Department is an absolute honor and privilege," Schofield said. "The dedicated men and women of this police department have been performing exceptionally well, and I am committed to building on the outstanding leadership provided by Captain D.J. Barcal this past year or so. I look forward to the opportunity to become more acquainted with the community, and to work collaboratively with the officers and professional staff of the department. Together, we will carry on our shared mission to ensure the safety of the La Vista community."

Schofield's official start date in La Vista will be June 3 and the City Council will vote to approve his appointment at its meeting on Tuesday, June 4. He will become La Vista's fifth Police Chief.

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