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## Reinhardt named new PPD deputy chief

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Prescott Police Chief Mike Kappel recently promoted Lt. Andy Reinhardt to deputy chief, and Reinhardt will serve as acting chief after Kappel retires at the end of December until a new chief is named.

Deputy Chief Reinhardt joined the Prescott Police Department in July 2006 after 22 years with the Mesa Police Department and is a graduate of the 239th session of the FBI Academy.

"I have worked with and for Chief Kappel in my 6-1/2 years with the City of Prescott," Reinhardt said. "I have learned a lot from Chief Kappel, who has mentored me to where he has felt comfortable promoting me to the deputy chief's position."

Prescott City Manager Craig McConnell said in October that interviews for police chief will begin in January 2013.

The city has been without a deputy police chief since 2009, when Kappel became chief after former Police Chief Randy Oaks resigned.

"Over the course of the last several years, the organization had two deputy chief positions which hadn't been filled due to economic reasons," Reinhardt said.

Reinhardt said when the police department compared itself to similar-sized organizations throughout the state, they determined a need for more command personnel within the agency.

Reinhardt, who was promoted Nov. 4, will provide administrative support to the police chief and his command will include administrative services, patrol, special operations and the Prescott Regional Communications Center.

Reinhardt earned an associate's degree in criminal justice from Mesa Community College, a bachelor's degree in business management from the University of Phoenix, and has currently completed 18 hours of graduate-level classes toward his master's degree in business administration.

As a Mesa Police traffic sergeant, Reinhardt helped develop of the Arizona Traffic Investigators Association and served as one of its initial board members.

"We saw a need to form a traffic association so that law enforcement had a consistent voice in traffic legislation, the investigation of traffic collisions, and criminal acts as a result of those collisions," Reinhardt said.

Reinhardt previously served on the community board of Yavapai Big Brothers Big Sisters, and currently is a board member of the Local Workforce Investment Board Youth Council of the Northern Arizona Council of Governments and on the MATForce Community Board.

Reinhardt is also a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the 100 Club, a non-profit that gives financial support to officers and their families during times of tragedy.



Reinhardt

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