

# Costa Mesa Police Department Announces Jason Chamness as next Deputy Chief

**COSTA MESA** – The Costa Mesa Police Department announced the promotion of Captain Jason Chamness to Deputy Police Chief, a 22-year department veteran who is now second in command and will oversee both divisions of Patrol Operations and Support Services as well as the Professional Standards Bureau.

“Deputy Chief Chamness has dedicated more than two decades of service to the Costa Mesa Police Department, and I’ve had the privilege of working with him at every level during that time,” said Chief Joyce LaPointe. “His leadership, integrity, and commitment to serve our community and police department make him exceptionally well-suited to step into this role. This promotion is a reflection of his outstanding service, and I look forward to his continued success.”

Mayor John Stephens welcomed the news.

“I’ve known Jason Chamness for many years, and have always admired his talent, diligence and professionalism,” Mayor John Stephens said. “I look forward to continuing to work with him in his new role as our new Deputy Police Chief.”

City Manager Cecilia Gallardo-Daly applauded the decision to promote Chamness.

“Deputy Chief Chamness is a vital member of our City team, and I value and respect his guidance on police issues,” Gallardo-Daly said. “His experience and education elevates the already first-rate leadership of the department. I’m pleased that Chief LaPointe chose him for this role.”

Deputy Chief Chamness began his career with the City of Costa

Mesa in 2003 after graduating with honors as “Top Recruit” from the prestigious Orange County Sheriff’s Academy.

Chamness embraced the challenge of his new assignment.

“I am honored to be selected as the next deputy chief of the Costa Mesa Police Department,” said Deputy Chief Chamness. “The trust and confidence placed in me mean a great deal and it is a privilege I do not take lightly. I remain committed to supporting our outstanding team as we continue to work together to protect and serve this incredible community.”

In 2017, he was promoted to sergeant, where he supervised patrol and investigative operations before transitioning to the Professional Standards Bureau in 2019.

His leadership path continued with a promotion to lieutenant in 2021, where he was assigned to Area Command and later guided administrative functions as the Professional Standards Bureau lieutenant.

In 2023, Chamness was promoted to the rank of captain, where he oversaw the Support Services Division.

Throughout his career, Chamness has served in a wide range of assignments. As an officer, he worked patrol, served as a field training officer, gang investigator, and a Crimes Against Persons detective.

His expertise extended into collateral roles as well, including serving on the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team, where he held progressive leadership positions ranging from operator to assistant team leader, team leader, SWAT commander, and ultimately, SWAT captain.

He also served as a Force Tactics instructor, Firearms and Less-Lethal instructor, and an Active Shooter trainer, ensuring that officers across the department were prepared for

high-risk situations. Chamness served on the Board of Directors for the Costa Mesa Police Association for six years.

Chamness holds a bachelor's degree from Chapman University and a master's degree in law enforcement and public safety leadership from the University of San Diego.

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