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**AZUSA CITY MANAGER SERGIO GONZALEZ APPOINTS  
POLICE LIEUTENANT ROCKY WENRICK AS ACTING POLICE CHIEF**  
*Appointment fills temporary medical-related vacancy by Chief Mike Bertelsen*

**AZUSA** – Effective February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, City Manager Sergio Gonzalez has appointed Police Lieutenant Rocky Wenrick as Acting Police Chief of the Azusa Police Department. The appointment fills a temporary vacancy in the role following news that Chief Mike Bertelsen will step back from the position for medical-related reasons. No time-frame has been provided at this time for his return.

Lieutenant Rocky Wenrick has served the department for the past 19 years, having held various roles during his tenure with the City of Azusa. Prior to serving as Lieutenant, he also held the ranks of corporal and sergeant, with supervisory assignments over the department’s detective bureau, Homeless Assistance Liaison Officer team, and gang unit.

“I support Chief Bertelsen’s decision in following the recommendations of his doctor and doing what is best for his health and his family. We sincerely wish him the very best and are committed to continuing his good efforts and the work of this department,” said City Manager Sergio Gonzalez. He further added “...Lieutenant Rocky Wenrick has over 25 years of Law Enforcement experience and has served our community with distinction. I appreciate his willingness to step up and into this responsibility as the City considers future next steps, and know that he will have our community’s support as he assumes this role.”

For additional information, please visit the Azusa City website or contact the City Manager’s Office at 626-812-5200.

**About Azusa**

Founded in 1887, Azusa is a thriving community of some 50,000 residents. Nestled against the San Gabriel Mountain foothills in the County of Los Angeles, Azusa has been recognized for its diverse community programs, premier public parks and facilities, and business friendly initiatives.

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