DATE	October 14, 2011	PHONE	831.646.5692
CONTACT	Anne McGrath Communications & Outreach Manager	RELEASE	Immediate

NEW POLICE CHIEF NAMED IN MONTEREY

Monterey, CA – City Manager Fred Meurer today named Deputy Chief Phil Penko as the next Chief of Police for the City of Monterey. Deputy Chief Penko will take command of the department when the current Chief of Police, Tim Shelby, leaves that post later this year.

Phil is a 26-year veteran of the Monterey Police Department. He joined the force in 1985, and since then has served as a Traffic Officer, Detective, Public Education Officer, Special Services and Investigations Sergeant and Lieutenant, and patrol Watch Commander. In 2008, he was promoted to Deputy Chief. Phil holds a bachelor's degree in biological and cognitive psychology and a master's degree in human resource management.

"Phil Penko has demonstrated his commitment to serving our community throughout his career," said City Manager Meurer. "He is well known and highly respected in the local community and in law enforcement."

"I am honored to assume the leadership of the Monterey Police Department and look forward to working alongside the fine men and women of this organization who dedicate their lives serving our City every day," said Penko.

"The Monterey City Council has great confidence in Chief Penko," said Mayor

NEWS RELEASE

Chuck Della Sala. “The Council commends him on his promotion and looks forward to working with him.”

Outgoing Chief of Police Tim Shelby has had a distinguished 32-year career with the Monterey Police Department. Chief Shelby joined the department in 1979 and served as a Field Training Officer, Detective, Community Action Team Officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain. Shelby was promoted to Deputy Chief in 1998 and Chief of Police in 2007.

“The Monterey Police Department has made many positive strides under Chief Shelby’s leadership,” said City Manager Meurer. “We thank him for his service.”

####