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**Ed Mercer to lead Juneau Police Department as new Chief**  
*Mercer is current Deputy Police Chief, has been with JPD since 2000*

The City and Borough of Juneau is pleased to announce that Ed Mercer will lead the Juneau Police Department as its next Police Chief. Mercer is currently Deputy Police Chief.

“Throughout my years of police service, I have been preparing to take on such a position and look forward to the new challenge. I am very proud of this police department, the police officers and staff. I will continue to provide the best police service to the public as possible,” Mercer said.

Mercer will move into the top position when Police Chief Bryce Johnson leaves JPD on July 28 to be the Chief of Police for the City of Idaho Falls. Johnson became Juneau’s Chief of Police in June 2013.

“We are sad to see Chief Johnson go, but I am confident Deputy Chief Mercer will continue to lead the department forward. He has an excellent skill set and has been laying a strong foundation for success throughout his career,” City Manager Rorie Watt said.

Mercer’s law enforcement career includes 17 years with the Juneau Police Department. He’s worked his way through the ranks and has been serving as Deputy Chief of Police since June 2013. His prior JPD positions include Captain, Lieutenant, Sergeant and Officer. Prior to coming to Juneau, Mercer was a Police Officer in Sitka.

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