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Cal Poly to Swear In New Police Chief

SAN LUIS OBISPO - Cal Poly will swear in a new police chief this week.

The ceremony will take place at the University Police Department on Wednesday, July 19, at 2 p.m. when William "Bill" Watton will become the new chief.

Watton has been employed with the department since 2002, when he was hired as operations commander. He has served as interim chief since January of this year.

Prior to his work at Cal Poly, Watton was the City of San Luis Obispo 's emergency services coordinator. He also served as a police sergeant for the Atascadero Police Department.

Watton began his law enforcement career as a reserve deputy sheriff in San Diego County , where he also worked as a patrol officer, K-9 officer and field supervisor.

"Due to our crime committed policy strategy and stronger enforcement stance, our crime statistics have been consistently declining over the last five years," said Watton. "We will continue to be committed to community policing. Our emphasis will remain on the safety of our students, staff, faculty, and community."

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