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Cal Poly Appoints New Police Chief

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly has named George Hughes, current leader of the Colorado School of Mines police department, as its new chief of University Police.

Hughes will assume his new role Aug. 31.

He brings more than 20 years of law enforcement experience to Cal Poly. In his most recent post, he has been responsible for planning, supervising, directing and leading all administrative and operational functions of the full-time police department at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colo.

Previously, he served as sergeant for the town of Breckenridge, Colo. There, he led all functions of a team of patrol officers including working as a field training officer and county S.W.A.T team leader, coordinating department training and overseeing recruiting, personnel management, criminal investigations, and property room management.

Hughes is a graduation candidate for a master's in organizational leadership/criminal justice leadership from Colorado State University, Global Campus, and earned a bachelor's in law enforcement from Ohio University in 1990.

He is an active member of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators and the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association.

At Cal Poly, Hughes will succeed Chief Bill Watton, who is retiring Aug. 24 after 10 years leading University Police.

Hughes will oversee the police and parking departments with 45 staff members, including 18 sworn officers, and an annual budget of approximately \$8 million.

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