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Board of Supervisors appoints Rod Hoops as Sheriff

The Board of Supervisors unanimously and enthusiastically appointed Assistant Sheriff Rod Hoops to serve as Sheriff and fill the unexpired term of Sheriff Gary Penrod, who will retire this Saturday, Jan. 31.

Hoops, a resident of Highland, has more than 30 years of law enforcement experience and with the Sheriff's Department has served as the police chief of Rancho Cucamonga, Loma Linda, and Grand Terrace. He has held numerous leadership positions in various areas in the Sheriff's Department, and holds a master's degree in public administration from Cal State Fullerton.

Hoops, who Penrod endorsed for the position, described himself as "firm, compassionate, and fair" and said his top priority during these tough economic times would be to carefully manage the Sheriff's Department's funding and resources. "We realize we have to be even more diligent with every dollar that's entrusted to us," Hoops told the board today.

"Rod Hoops has done an outstanding job at every level in the Sheriff's Department. He's been well-trained," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Gary C. Ovitt. Hoops will become Sheriff upon Penrod's retirement on Saturday and will be formally sworn in on Tuesday, Feb. 3.

The board on Tuesday also formally honored Penrod for serving 14 years as Sheriff and 37 years in the Sheriff's Department.

"There is no doubt that under his leadership, the Sheriff's Department has been one of the best-run operations in the county and in the nation," Chairman Ovitt said.

Penrod told the board, "Thanks to all of you for your support of public safety. It's truly the most important thing we do."