



Dear Campus Community,

Police Chief Jorge Cisneros has been [selected](#) as the next police chief for the city of Anaheim, and is set to join the Anaheim Police Department in July. Chief Cisneros has served our campus and has been an instrumental partner to our surrounding community for nearly three years. His impact to UCI and the surrounding community has been significant. Here are a few of his many accomplishments:

- Developed and implemented Standing with Anteaters to Foster Engagement and Responsibility (SAFER), a community engagement model in all student and staff housing areas on campus, serving over 15,000 residents. The program is now being expanded as our overall community engagement model in place of zone policing.
- Developed and implemented the new public safety model, bringing security and police services together at UCI Health to maximize resources in a fiscally prudent manner, while providing enhanced public safety services to our UCI Health community.
- Named chief of the Systemwide Response Team (SRT). This position is in charge of 100 UC police officers who are specifically trained and equipped to deal with major protests and disturbances on UC campuses.
- Vice President for the Orange County Chiefs' of Police and Sheriff's Association.

A national search for Chief Cisneros' replacement will begin as soon as possible. UCI Assistant Police Chief Paul Cooper will assume the role of interim police chief. Paul Cooper has over 33 years of police experience and prior to coming to UCI, he served as the chief of police for the city of Claremont for 10 years, whereby he established and maintained liaison with the Claremont Colleges Campus Safety Department, Student Deans Council, and Presidents.

Please join me in congratulating Chief Cisneros on his new appointment.

Sincerely,

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