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Subject : The Redondo Beach Police Department announces the promotion of Officer Chuck Prestia to Sergeant

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Chief W. Joseph Leonardi of the Redondo Beach Police Department announces the promotion of Officer Chuck Prestia to Sergeant effective Saturday, January 31, 2009. This promotional opportunity arose with the retirement last year of Sergeant Mike Clifton who had served the Redondo Beach Police Department for more than 28 years.

Sergeant Prestia began his career with the Redondo Beach Police Department as a Police Cadet in 1994. In 1997 he was hired by the Police Department as a Police Officer. During his career, Sergeant Prestia has worked in a variety of positions as a Redondo Beach Police Officer. These positions include assignment to the Patrol Division as a patrol officer, Pier/Harbor Unit officer and Traffic Unit motor officer. Sergeant Prestia has held the ancillary assignments of Field Training Officer, Defensive Tactics Instructor and Firearms Instructor. Sergeant Prestia has also been a member of the Police Department's Special Weapons and Tactics Team since 2003.

Sergeant Prestia holds an AA degree in Criminal Justice from El Camino College. Sergeant Prestia was born and raised in the South Bay, is married and has two children.

Upon the completion of a training program, Sergeant Prestia will be assigned as a Patrol Division supervisor.