



City of Phoenix Police Chief Finalists

The **Phoenix City Manager's Office** announces the final candidates who will interview for the position of **Phoenix Police Chief**. The three finalists were part of an original group of nine candidates. The finalists have successfully completed a first-round of interviews with community members and city staff and will now advance to take part in a public forum and an interview panel with executive staff from the city.

The new chief will lead the Police Department in the country's sixth largest city, overseeing nearly 4,000 employees and seven precincts that cover 500 square miles serving 1.5 million residents.



Mike Kurtenbach has 26-years of law enforcement experience with the City of Phoenix Police Department. As Assistant Chief he oversees: Community Relations, Employment Services, Public Affairs and Training. Responsibilities include the management and expansion of the department's body-worn camera program, development and implementation of effective community engagement and outreach programs, recruitment of both sworn and civilian staff, basic training for new recruits and advanced training for existing personnel, and all public information.



Peter Newsham has 26-years of law enforcement experience with the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington, D.C. As Assistant Chief, he is responsible for criminal investigations, policy development, labor and media relations. Previously, he served as an Assistant Chief of Patrol, and an Assistant Chief in the Office of Internal Affairs. In Internal Affairs he oversaw officer misconduct investigations, compliance with the memorandum of agreement with the Department of Justice, and the department's Equal Employment Opportunity Office.



Jeri Williams has 28-years of law enforcement experience. She has been the Chief of Police in Oxnard, CA since 2011, overseeing approximately 400 sworn and non-sworn employees with a focus on community-based policing. Previously, Williams served 22-years at the Phoenix Police Department where she was most recently an Assistant Chief managing approximately 1,000 employees which included the Air Unit, Community Relations Bureau, four Patrol Precincts, the Academy and the SWAT Unit.