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Cuesta College Police Department Secure, New Interim Chief of Police Appointed



The Cuesta College Board of Trustees voted unanimously to sustain the preservation of the campus police department and appointed Barton Topham the new interim chief of police/director of public safety.

The new appointment will succeed 17-year veteran Chief of Campus Police/Director of Public Safety Pete Sysak, who retired last month. Following Sysak's retirement, the board considered the issue of disbanding the on-campus police force in favor of maintaining a public safety department and contracting with outside law enforcement agencies. At the close of Wednesday's board of trustees meeting, a unanimous decision was reached by the board to "enthusiastically thank and commend the Cuesta College Police Department and Public Safety and reaffirm our whole-hearted support for their efforts."

Topham has 30 years experience in law enforcement and worked 18 years as a captain in the San Luis Obispo Police Department. He was also a part-time law enforcement academy instructor for nine years.

"It is a genuine pleasure to, once again, be working with students and educators, particularly at a great institution like Cuesta College," Topham said.

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