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Cuesta College Hires Police Sergeant with 31 Years Experience

Cuesta College named a veteran law enforcement officer as its number two man in the campus police department.

Ron Schram, who spent 31 years with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, including the past 15 years as a sergeant, was sworn in by Cuesta's Superintendent/President Dave Pelham before the college Board of Trustees on Wednesday, February 5.

"We are most happy to have Ron join us," Pelham said. "He is well-qualified for this position, but also he's a good fit for the needs of Cuesta College."

Schram is second in command below interim Chief of Campus Police/Director of Public Safety Bart Topham.

"I'm thrilled to come into San Luis Obispo and have this opportunity at the only community college in the county," said Schram, 57. "It's a great way to become part of the fabric of the community, to meet people and to reach out to people and to start finding out different things about the community."

Schram graduated from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department law-enforcement academy in 1978 and holds an advanced certificate from the California Peace Officers Standards and Training. He completed a myriad of assignments during his three-decade-long career as an L.A. County deputy sheriff, including patrol and custody assignments and five years as a child abuse detective.

"I've been involved with riots in the jail," he said. "I was involved in the Rodney King riots in 1992. Obviously, I responded to the different (wildland) fires and to the earthquake in 1994, reaching out to the community in those disasters."

Schram and his wife have a 9-year-old daughter.

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