



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **MEDIA ADVISORY: Mayor to swear-in new Police Chief, Al Pizzano; Community, media invited to attend, Tuesday, Sept. 8**

**WHO:** Al Pizzano, Chief of Police

**WHAT:** Swearing-in ceremony for new Police Chief

**WHEN:** Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2015 at 6:30 pm

**WHERE:** City Hall Council Chambers, 5160 Maple Drive, Pleasant Hill, IA

*PLEASANT HILL, Iowa – September 2, 2015* – On Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2015 at 6:30 pm, Mayor Sara Kurovski will swear Al Pizzano in as the Pleasant Hill Police Department's next Police Chief.

Pizzano, chosen from a strong experienced pool of candidates began his law enforcement career with the New York Police Department (NYPD) in January 1987. He quickly moved up the ranks and became Special Operations Lieutenant in Brooklyn, New York, Commanding Officer and Detective in Queens, and Emergency Service Unit Commander for the NYPD. During his time as Emergency Service Unit Commander, Pizzano trained and supervised 200 officers and 30 civilian employees in the Brooklyn and Staten Island divisions and all K-9 resources.

Pizzano left the NYPD to join the Homefront Protective Group as Executive Vice President, where he analyzed police agencies and administered police training courses.

"I am extremely excited to be able to work with this community to foster dynamic relationships with residents and business leaders," said Chief Pizzano. "I am proud of the men and women within the department and the service they provide to this great community. I look forward to working with staff to advance their leadership skills and create opportunities to continue moving this community forward," said Chief Pizzano.

He has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice administration and planning from John Jay College of Criminal Justice, a master's degree in management and leadership from Liberty University and has various NYPD and U.S. Department of Homeland Security Certifications.

Pizzano grew up and lived in New York until moving to Iowa ten months ago.

City Manager Donald Sandor said, "Police Chief Pizzano brings more than 20 years of law enforcement experience to the Pleasant Hill Police Department. It is an honor to welcome him to our leadership team committed to our officers and the community we serve."

Pizzano will begin his role as Chief of Police on Monday, Sept. 14.

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