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## **City of Carlsbad Police Chief Selected**

Carlsbad City Council approved veteran officer Brandon “Shane” Skinner as the city’s new police chief during a special meeting Thursday.

Skinner, a detective with the Carlsbad Police Department, has been with the force since 2015. He has more than 20 years of experience in law enforcement, including experience with the San Juan County Sheriff’s Department and the Farmington Police Department. He has also previously served as a police chief with a community in Iowa. Skinner will replace Police Chief Kent Waller, who is retiring after 43 years in law enforcement.

“With the retirement of Chief Kent Waller, Chief Skinner has big shoes to fill,” Carlsbad Mayor Dale Janway said. “He has a proven record of leadership and we believe he will do an excellent job. We look forward to working closely with him and with all of the members of our highly-professional police force in serving and protecting the public.”