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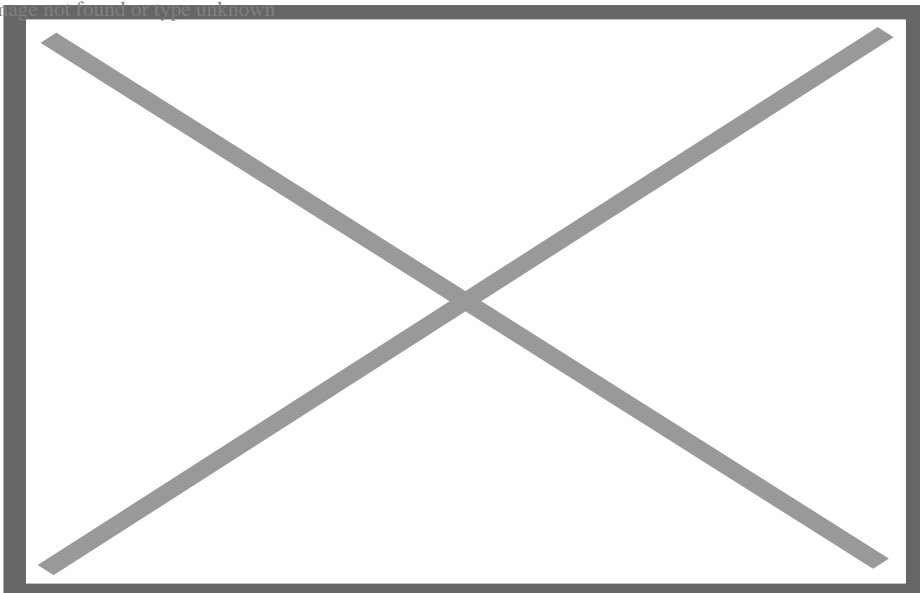
San Diego, Calif. – The San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) has hired former San Diego County Assistant Sheriff Tim Curran to oversee all field security operations of the MTS Transit Enforcement Department. He will supervise approximately 200 transit officers.

Prior to joining MTS, Curran served in the San Diego County Sheriff's Department for 27 years. In his most recent post, Curran was one of three assistant sheriffs to Sheriff Bill Gore. In this capacity he managed the Human Resources Bureau, which supports more than 4,200 sworn officers and professional staff. Curran also managed the Court Services Bureau, where he oversaw nearly 400 sworn and professional staff in the day-to-day security of seven courthouses.

"Safety and security are the most important components to MTS service. Tim has the background and experience to help MTS continue the excellent track record of keeping our customers safe," said Paul Jablonski, MTS chief executive officer. "He will bring a well-rounded approach and seasoned experience to the enforcement arm of MTS transit operations."

Curran will directly oversee 165 Transit Systems Security contracted officers and another 35 MTS Code Compliance inspectors. In addition to managing all of MTS Security's field operations, he will oversee equipment management contracts, state and federal grant applications, the security video monitoring program, Code Enforcement standard operating procedures, and more.

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Curran will be second in command, behind MTS Chief of Police Manuel Guaderrama.

“Tim is a critical addition to our team as MTS implements a new personnel deployment strategy to nearly triple the number of officers covering the system at any given time,” said MTS Chief of Police Manuel Guaderrama. “Tim will oversee this implementation and help ensure its success.”

Curran holds three educational degrees from Miramar College, the Union Institute University and the FBI National Academy. He lives in San Diego with his wife Debby.

MTS operates 95 bus routes and three Trolley lines on 53 miles of double-tracked railway. Every weekday more than 300,000 passenger trips are taken on MTS bus and Trolley services in 10 cities and in unincorporated areas of the county. In FY 2016, MTS served 92.6 million riders. For more information on how you can use public transportation and save money, go to www.sdmts.com.

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