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The City of South San Francisco

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**South San Francisco Police Chief Receives
Highest Certificate Issued by Police Officer
Standards and Training (POST)**

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enforcement community*

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Jan. 12, 2017 - South San Francisco Police Chief Jeff Azzopardi was awarded the Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) Executive Certificate last night at a meeting of the South San Francisco City Council. The POST Executive Certificate is the highest certificate awarded by the California Commission on POST and is awarded to fewer than one percent of the state's law enforcement community.

"Chief Azzopardi is dedicated to our community and to continually improving his leadership and executive skills," said South San Francisco City Manager Mike Futrell, "and this high award from the Commission on POST objectively confirms what we already knew - that Chief Azzopardi is an outstanding Police Chief."

The award was presented by the Executive Director of the California Commission on POST, Manny Alvarez, who noted that this award recognizes Chief Azzopardi's dedication to his



profession and places him at the "top of the top" of the law enforcement community in California.

South San Francisco Mayor, Pradeep Gupta, says he's impressed with the Chief's initiative and taking on additional training beyond what is required to improve his leadership skills. "It is a difficult time for law enforcement personnel right now, and now more than ever it is important to recognize our Chief and his staff for their service to our local community," said Mayor Pradeep Gupta.

Azzopardi was appointed South San Francisco Police Chief on September 23, 2014. He started his law enforcement career with the South San Francisco police department in 1993. Over the course of his career, Azzopardi has risen through the department ranks service as Corporal, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and ultimately Captain in 2009. As a Captain, Azzopardi led both the Operations Division, as well as the Services Division. Azzopardi's experience, along with his collaborative leadership, provides the ideal foundation for partnerships with the community to make sure that South San Francisco remains one of the safest cities in the Bay Area. Azzopardi is a graduate of the Los Angeles Leadership Academy, holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Notre Dame de Namur University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Administration from Chico State University.

POST establishes standards and training requirements for police officers as they progress through their career and promote to ensure the development of well trained and professional officers. The POST Executive Program is an optional course of leadership and management training available to Chiefs of Police. Few in California successfully complete the program and are awarded the POST Executive Certificate.

POST was established in 1959 by then Governor, Edmund "Pat" Brown, with the sole purpose of standardized law enforcement selection and training in the State of California. POST serves more than 615 law enforcement agencies and 79,000 police officers throughout the state. POST maintains 40 academies, offering 4,000 training courses from basic to executive training.

About South San Francisco

The City of South San Francisco proudly remains *The Industrial City*, a reflection of its steel mill and ship building past, redefined to reflect the innovative, entrepreneurial and industrious spirit which has made South San Francisco the Biotech Capital of the World, with 214 active biotech companies and growing. A vibrant community of 64,585 residents, South San Francisco enjoys a high quality of life with an extensive public parks system, active library and learning programming and a dynamic, engaged community making South San Francisco a great place to live, learn, work and play.

