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City of Palm Springs Hires New Emergency Management Coordinator

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The former emergency management and training coordinator for Marine Aircraft Group 13, United States Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Arizona will lead emergency management and disaster preparedness for the City of Palm Springs, City Manager David H. Ready announced today.

Danny DeSelms begins his new position at the Palm Springs Fire Department on **Monday, Aug. 5.**

DeSelms, is a former Marine, whose areas of expertise include emergency response planning and training. For the past year he coordinated emergency and disaster preparedness at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Arizona. Prior to his position in Yuma, he provided emergency management expertise at multiple Marine Corps bases in Okinawa, Japan; Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; Washington, DC; and at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms.



Danny DeSelms

While in the Marine Corps, DeSelms graduated from the Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Defense School at Ft. McClellan, Alabama. He served as part of Operation Eagle during the Anthrax attacks in the nation's capital where his teams were tasked with finding the extent of the contamination. DeSelms also served with the Task Force for Tsunami Relief Operation in Thailand following the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake.

"Danny DeSelms has an exceptional background coordinating emergency management and disaster preparedness for the United States Marines," said Ready. "His experience managing and responding to large scale emergencies along with his expertise in planning and training will be a significant asset to our city and we are pleased to welcome him to the executive management team."

DeSelms earned his Bachelor's Degree in Emergency and Disaster Management from American Military University in 2015.

"Emergency management and preparedness is a top priority for the Palm Springs Fire Department," said Chief Kevin Nalder. "We are looking forward to working with Danny and to the wealth of experience he will bring to our organization."

