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### CHIEF VILLASEÑOR NAMED TO PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE

Roberto A. Villaseñor, Chief of the Tucson Police Department, has been selected to be a member of the President's Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing. At 3 p.m. today (5 p.m. EST), President Obama will sign the Executive Order making the Task Force a reality.

The Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing was conceived by the White House following the grand jury decision in Ferguson, Missouri. It will include law enforcement representatives and community leaders. Its job over the next 90 days is to find ways to strengthen the relationship between police and the public, and to submit a written report to the president with its recommendations. The Task Force is chaired by Philadelphia Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey and George Mason University Professor Laurie Robinson. It will operate in collaboration with the Department of Justice's Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office, and will build on the extensive research being conducted by that office.

Chief Villaseñor oversees a nationally accredited police department composed of nearly 1,300 members. He joined the Tucson Police Department in 1980 and rose through the ranks, becoming Chief of Police in May 2009. He has a Bachelor's Degree from Park University and a Master's Degree from Northern Arizona University. Chief Villaseñor is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, the Senior Management Institute for Police, and the FBI National Executives Institute. His memberships include Major Cities Chiefs, where he chairs the Technology Committee; the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP); the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association (LEEDA); the Arizona Association of Chiefs of Police (AACOP), where he is the incoming President; and the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), where he serves as Treasurer.

As the leader of the 36<sup>th</sup> largest municipal police agency in the United States, operating within 50 miles of an international border, Chief Villaseñor's experience and tenure will serve him well in this new role.

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