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## **EDWARD B. SKVARNA NAMED CHIEF OF POLICE**

*Former Burbank Police Captain Assumes Leadership of Airport Police Department September 1<sup>st</sup>, Succeeding Steven H. Staveley*

BURBANK, Calif., September 7, 2005 — Edward B. Skvarna was sworn in as Chief of Police at Bob Hope Airport in a change of command ceremony September 1<sup>st</sup>. Skvarna, a retired Burbank Police Department captain, joined the Airport Police Department in April of this year as a lieutenant and assumed the rank of commander in June.

“We find in Ed Skvarna a law enforcement officer with great experience and leadership ability who knows the Airport well and has excellent relationships with neighboring jurisdictions. The Airport Authority is fortunate to have Ed to lead our public safety team,” said Executive Director Dios Marrero.

Skvarna succeeds Steven H. Staveley, who had led the Police Department since last December.

“Steve Staveley did noteworthy things in his time with us, continuing the enhanced recruitment and training we put in place after 9/11 and bringing into place a line of succession that will stand the department in good stead in the future,” Marrero said.

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Skvarna Named Chief of Police

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Chief Skvarna was a Burbank police officer for 22 years and held a wide array of assignments. He holds a bachelor's degree in management from the University of Redlands, and a masters degree in public administration from California State University, Northridge. He is a graduate of the California P.O.S.T. Supervisory Leadership Institute and the California P.O.S.T. Command College Class 30.

He is a twenty-five year veteran of the United States Air Force and Air Force Reserve. He has logged 2500 flying hours in the C-141 aircraft as a loadmaster, and he served one tour of duty in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War. He accepted a commission from the Air Force in 1987 and retired at the rank of captain in 1996.

Skvarna served on the Board of Directors for the Burbank Boys and Girls Club. He is also involved in the operation of the Elmwood Achievement Center and the Elmwood Aztecs football team.

Chief Skvarna and his two sons live in the Santa Clarita Valley.