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Darren Martinez joined the Tempe Police Department in October 2001 and has built an extensive career in law enforcement administration. He brings over two decades of experience in personnel management, human resources, scheduling, executive support, event coordination, and oversight of administrative staff and processes.

Throughout his career, Darren has served in the Personnel Services Bureau, Field Operations Division, and the Office of Management, Budget, and Research (OMBR). His work has included administering the City's Alarm and Nuisance Party/Unlawful Gathering programs, coordinating off-duty assignments, managing grants and assets, and preparing a variety of statistical and financial reports related to budget, personnel, and equipment.

In January 2010, Darren was appointed Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police. In this role, he managed the daily operations of the Office of the Chief and the Executive/Administration floor, providing high-level and confidential support to the Chief of Police, Executive Team, and Command Staff. He also served as the Department's liaison to the City's Human Resources Department, maintained personnel records, managed sensitive employee investigations, and fostered relationships with community organizations, businesses, and the public.

In May 2024, Darren accepted the position of Accreditation Administrator, overseeing the Arizona Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ALEAP).

Darren holds a Bachelor of Arts in Human Communication from Arizona State University, with concentrations in journalism, mass communication, public relations, and marketing. He earned his Master's degree in Organizational Leadership from Northern Arizona University in 2021. His professional service includes three years as Secretary of the East Valley Gang & Criminal Information Center, Secretary of the East Valley Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (2014–2015), and Co-Chair of the City of Tempe LGBTQ+ Pride employee resource group (elected in 2018). He also served on the Arizona Association of Chiefs of Police Training Committee.

From April to October 2022, Darren worked as a Compliance Specialist with the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board (AZPOST), where he conducted peace officer training audits and investigated cases of officer misconduct.

A proud Tempe native and graduate of Marcos de Niza High School, Darren currently resides in Ahwatukee with his partner of more than 20 years.