



# Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

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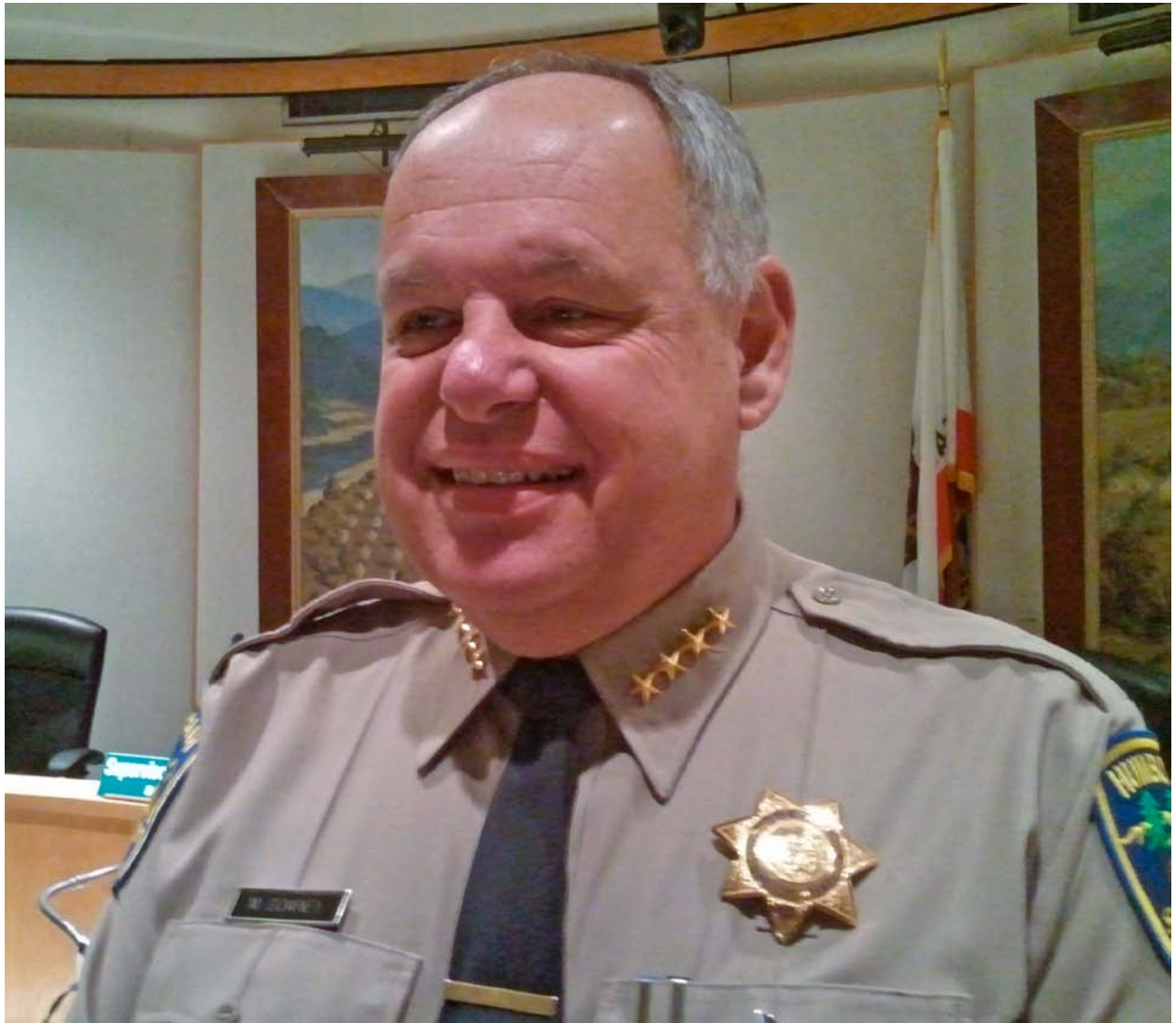
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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

During a brief ceremony in the Board of Supervisor's Chambers this morning, Mike Downey took the oath of office, becoming the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sheriff of Humboldt County. Sheriff Downey won the primary election in June and officially took office today. Former Sheriff Gary Philp retired Friday.

Sheriff Downey is a 28-year veteran of law enforcement, having worked for the San Diego County Sheriff's Office briefly before joining the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office in 1986. Sheriff Downey and his wife Annette have been married for 30 years. They have six children and five grandchildren.

"I'm honored to have been elected Sheriff of Humboldt County," said Sheriff Downey. "I'm looking forward serving the citizens and visitors of Humboldt County."



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