

SAN MANUEL

BAND OF MISSION INDIANS



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Former FBI and corporate security official to lead San Manuel Department of Public Safety

Ralph Boelter to Serve as Chief Security and Risk Officer

San Manuel Indian Reservation (Near Highland, Calif.) – March 31, 2016 –Responsive to the growth of its Tribal enterprises, the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians announced today that former FBI Assistant Director for Counterterrorism and former Vice President of Corporate Security at Target Corporation, Mr. Ralph Boelter, has accepted the position of Chief Security and Risk Officer.

With a strong law enforcement and security background spanning 20 years with the FBI that included an assignment as Assistant FBI Director of the Counterterrorism Division, Mr. Boelter will significantly add to our current capabilities in the ever-increasing assessment and prevention of risk.

“The Chief Security and Risk Officer is a new position that reflects the Tribe’s overall commitment to safety, security and risk management” said San Manuel Chairwoman Lynn Valbuena. “His duties will also include developing best-in-class protocols for cyber security.”

Boelter holds a Juris Doctorate from Suffolk University Law School, and a Bachelor of Public Administration in Criminal Justice. He also attended the prestigious FBI National Executive Institute in Quantico, VA, which has been described by the FBI Academy as the “*FBI Director’s own program and as the crown jewel of the FBI’s executive training initiatives.*”

Mr. Boelter will begin his service at San Manuel on April 1, 2016.

About the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians

The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians is a federally recognized American Indian tribe located near the city of Highland, Calif. The Serrano Indians are the indigenous people of the San Bernardino highlands, passes, valleys and mountains who share a common language and culture. The San Manuel reservation was established in 1891 and recognized as a sovereign nation with the right of self-government. Since time immemorial, the San Manuel tribal community has endured change and hardship. Amidst these challenges the tribe continued to maintain its unique form of governance. Like other governments it seeks to provide a better quality of life for its citizens by building infrastructure, maintaining civil services and promoting social, economic and cultural development. Today San Manuel tribal government oversees many governmental units including the departments of fire, public safety, education and environment. San Manuel operates San Manuel Indian Bingo & Casino.

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