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### **Paso Robles Appoints New Police Chief**

*Commander Ty Lewis to replace retiring Chief Robert Burton*

PASO ROBLES, CA – The City of Paso Robles is pleased to announce the appointment of Ty Lewis as Police Chief, effective July 15, 2018. Selected after a competitive internal recruitment process, he will replace current Chief Robert Burton, who has announced his retirement.

Commander Ty Lewis started with the City as a Police Officer in 2002, after having served as an Officer in both Porterville and Bakersfield. Ty was promoted to Police Sergeant in 2005, to provisional Police Lieutenant in 2007, and received a regular Police Lieutenant appointment in 2008. The classification was retitled to Commander this year.

Ty has served with distinction in all of these roles. During this period, some of his notable successes and contributions have included:

- Managing all departmental functions at one time or another, including Patrol, Support Services (including Detectives and Special Enforcement Team), Records, Dispatch, Property and Evidence, and Training.
- Developing a new massage ordinance.
- Building the new Patrol vehicle fleet.
- Facilitating the Medical Marijuana Task Force, leading to a complete set of recommendations to the City Council.
- Serving as the department's Public Information Officer.
- Participating and taking a leadership role on a number of interdepartmental and inter-jurisdictional projects.

During this time, Commander Lewis earned his Master's Degree and attended the 18-month POST Command College.

In making the appointment, City Manager Tom Frutchev noted, "Commander Lewis has proven himself to be a strong and supportive leader who has the community's best interests at heart. I have no doubt he will make an excellent police chief, working hand in hand with the community and Police Department to enhance public safety."

Ty lives in Atascadero with his wife Sarah and their three daughters.

In accepting the offer, Commander Lewis said, "I am honored and humbled to serve as Paso Robles' next Chief of Police. I look forward to helping make Paso Robles the safest community, with the most trusted police department anywhere."

PHOTO BELOW: Commander Ty Lewis (left) and outgoing Police Chief Robert Burton



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