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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Laws Serves as Acting Chief of Police**

Following last month's announcement that Lemoore's Chief of Police Kim Morrell will be retiring this fall, Commander Jeff Laws has been appointed as Acting Police Chief. Chief Morrell has been out on leave since early September, pending retirement.

With Chief Morrell's impending retirement, Laws is uniquely qualified to carry the reigns, according to City Manager Jeff Briltz. In fact, Jeff Laws has been serving as 2<sup>nd</sup> in command since he first came to the Lemoore Police Department in 1997 as Commander. Commander Laws has served numerous times as Acting Chief of Police over the past decade, anytime the Chief was out of town or on vacation. Once the Chief's seat is formally vacated, Commander Laws will be named the Chief of Police on an interim basis. The City will select a permanent Chief of Police in 2010.

Commander Laws recently said "I am excited to serve the citizens in this new capacity, and am proud to represent the great group of people that make up the Lemoore Police Department.

Citizens should know who the top cop in town is, and how to reach him - Acting Chief Jeff Laws can be reached at 924-9574 or at [jeff.laws@lemoorepd.com](mailto:jeff.laws@lemoorepd.com).

Released by:  
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