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PRESS RELEASE

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Laws Named Lemoore Police Chief

Lemoore officials announced today that Jeff Laws has been appointed as the Police Chief for the Kings County city of 25,000 people. Laws has been with the City for 13 years, and has been serving as the Acting and Interim Chief since September of last year.

Laws career in Police work spans more than 25 years; it began in 1984 as a Reserve Police Officer in Porterville. In 1985, Laws accepted the position of Police Officer for the Lindsay Police Department. In 1989, Laws was promoted to Sergeant in Lindsay. His service to the citizens of Lemoore began in 1997, when hired by the City as a Commander. In his 13 years with Lemoore, he has been involved in all aspects of Police Administration, and regularly served as the Acting Police Chief. According to Lemoore City Manager Jeff Briltz, "Jeff Laws is exceptionally prepared for the job. He brings experience, proven leadership, and knowledge of the community and the department. Most importantly, Laws has the desire to see to it that Lemoore is as safe a City as we can make, and is willing and committed to working with our Citizens and ensuring that the Officers under him do the same."

When asked about the Promotion, Chief Laws remarked, "I appreciate this amazing opportunity to assume leadership at the Lemoore Police Department. I believe in the Officers and staff of the Lemoore Police Department. I truly believe they are doing all they can to ensure the safety of the Citizens of Lemoore, and I will do all that I can in order to ensure the standards of the Police Department and Officers are maintained at a high level."

Jeff Laws is married to Mimi Laws. They have a 15 year old son who attends Lemoore High School and a 23 year old daughter who lives in Washington. Jeff Laws, along with his family, understands the importance of community and family.

The City invites residents to attend a short ceremony and reception for Chief Laws at its next City Council Meeting on March 16th at 7:30 pm in the Lemoore Council Chambers, located at 429 C Street in Downtown Lemoore.

Chief Jeff Laws can be reached at 924-9574 or at jeff.laws@lemoorepd.com.

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