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Dave Gamache Appointed Police Chief

Dave Gamache, who has been serving as interim Police Chief since the retirement of former Chief Brian Bowles, has been appointed to the permanent job of Police Chief.

Chief Gamache has been with the Yreka Police Department for 25 years, having been sworn in as the youngest full-time police officer at the age of 19. He has served as a Patrol Officer, Narcotics agent, Detective, Sergeant, and for the last 10 years, Operations Lieutenant. Over his career, he has served in every position except Animal Control and Dispatch. Chief Gamache has deep ties to the community, having been born and raised in Yreka and Scott Valley.

Chief Gamache stated that he was first introduced to the idea of being a police officer by his older brother Chris Gamache, who recently retired from the Yreka Police Department after 27 years of service, and Deputy Gary Bartolotti of the Siskiyou Co. Sheriff's Dept., in 1991. Chief Gamache stated that Bartolotti told him "you will never get rich being a police officer, but you will never know a greater feeling of fulfillment than to help others". Chief Gamache stated that he has kept that quote in mind nearly every day of his career and intends to keep the Yreka Police Department moving in the same positive direction. Chief Gamache stated that he has an outstanding group of professionals at the department right now and intends to serve the City of Yreka with pride.

City Manager Steve Baker stated: "I am delighted to name Dave Gamache as Police Chief. I appreciate Chief Gamache's leadership talents and deep experience as well as his calm, professional demeanor and sense of humor. He is highly respected by city staff, elected officials and the community."

Please contact Steve Baker, City Manager at (530) 841-2321 if you have any questions.