



New Lathrop  
Police Department | May 2022

# *Lathrop's First Pinning Ceremony*



The City of Lathrop Police Department senior staff, including Chief of Police Raymond Bechler, Police Commanders Kyle Oki and Stephen Sealy, and the department's Sergeants, officially received their Police Badges during a ceremony at Lathrop City Hall on Tuesday, May 17. The new department will formally assume full operations on June 29, becoming the first law enforcement agency for our growing city.

*"I am very excited to begin full operations and show the people of Lathrop what we've been working so hard on building for them,"* said Chief Bechler. *"It has been no small task getting us to where we are today, but thanks to the exceptional team we've put together and the incredible amount of support from City staff, the Mayor, and the City Council, we're poised to deliver something really special very soon. I think the residents of Lathrop will be very proud of what we've been able to accomplish, in no small part because of the amount of engagement and feedback we've received from every corner of this city."*

As of May 31, Lathrop PD has officially hired 16 sworn officers and others will be starting soon. The officers will use the remaining time before June 29 to train together, secure their necessary equipment and materials, and develop the programs they utilize while on duty. The majority of non-sworn positions are now staffed and are also working daily in preparation for our launch.

The new Lathrop Police patrol vehicles have received nearly all of their upgrades and are in the final stages of achieving readiness status. We will take delivery of completed vehicles in a rolling basis over the next several weeks.

The Police Headquarters is getting its finishing touches, including the installation of signage, flags, and plaques. The Grand Opening of the Police Department Headquarters will be at noon on Saturday, June 25. The community is invited to see their newest facility and meet with the members of the Police Department who will be on hand.



