



## New Lathrop Police Department April 2022

The [City of Lathrop](#) remains on track to stand up its first-ever [Police Department](#) this July, and more significant milestones have been reached over the past few months. With just a few months before the official stand-up of Lathrop's first Police Department, progress within the new agency remains steady and on track. This month brings the largest influx of new team members to the Department, including four Sergeants, four Officers, and three non-sworn personnel.



Police Sergeant Rodolfo Alaniz previously worked for the Los Angeles Police Department for over 30 years working in street patrol, the gang unit, narcotics, and as an Assistant Watch Commander. Sgt. Alaniz received his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. He is married, has two children, and enjoys horseback riding, working out, and spending quality time with his family.

Police Sergeant Greg Mortensen previously worked for the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Department for 16 years, including 11 years of Patrol in Lathrop. Sgt. Mortensen has skills as a Field Training Officer, a Bomb Technician, and as a Drone Pilot. He received an Associate degree in Criminal Justice from Delta College. He is married, has four children, and enjoys exploring the outdoors and riding motorcycles.



Police Sergeant Landon Lawson began his career in law enforcement in 2005 as a Deputy Sheriff in Polk County, Florida. In 2010, Stg. Lawson moved to California to join the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office. He has served in Corrections, Patrol, and as Traffic Officer. Sgt. Lawson holds a Master of Science Degree in Law Enforcement Executive Leadership from California Southern University. He is married, has three children, and enjoys traveling, camping, and golf.

Police Sergeant Billy Boyle previously worked for the Modesto Police for 16 years, serving in the patrol, traffic, and Homeless Engagement and Response teams. Sgt. Boyle holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice Management. He is married and has two children and family time, camping, motorcycle riding, church activities, shooting, and teaching.





Officer Blake Escobar previously worked for the Oakdale Police Department, where he served for three years working as a Detective, on the Rapid Response Team, and with the K9 unit. Office Escobar earned his bachelor's degree in human development at UC Davis. He is married with two children and enjoys hunting, fishing, and being outdoors.

Officer PJ Hicks previously worked for the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office for two years before joining the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Department. Over the past five years with that agency, he has worked in patrol, on the marine detail, and in the courts. Officer Hicks was born, raised, and now lives in Lathrop and is married with one child. He enjoys fishing and riding his motorcycle.



Police Officer Robert Dominguez previously worked for the Stockton Police Department for nine years, working in Robbery/Homicide for the past five. Officer Dominguez has also worked on the Community Response Team, Peer Support, and as a Drone Operator. He earned his bachelor's in Biological Sciences at UC Davis. He is married, has two children, and enjoys cooking, traveling, and taking family walks.

Police Officer Jorge Andrade previously worked for the Stockton Police Department for nine years. He has worked on patrol, as a Field Training Officer, as a SWAT Operator, and as a Firearms Instructor. In college, he earned a Welding Certificate. Officer Andrade is married and has two children. He enjoys playing soccer with his kids and exercising.



Cristina Caguiat has been with the City of Lathrop for a year-and-a-half as a Public Works Administrative Assistant, she is joining the Police Department as a Management Analyst. Before that, she spent over eight years as a Senior Accountant with the City of Manteca. Ms. Caguiat has a bachelor's degree in Organizational Leadership. She enjoys traveling, reading, boating, and spending time with family and friends.

Angela Victoria was hired as the new Police Records Supervisor and comes to the city from the Stockton Police Department. Victoria spent eight years as a Dispatcher before serving as a Crime Analyst for nearly a decade. Before that, she was with the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Department for four years as a Records Clerk. She holds a Bachelor's in Criminal Justice from Stanislaus State University. She is married, has four children, and enjoys walking her dogs and spending time with family and friends.



Lastly, Matthew Robinson is joining the new Police Department as a Records Assistant II. He served for 17 years in the Marine Corps and is currently an Operations Chief in the Marine Corps Reserves. Mr. Robinson previously worked as Records Technician with the Elk Grove Police Department for three years. He holds a bachelor's degree in Applied Management from Grand Canyon University. He has been married for 15 years, has three children, and enjoys taking trips with family, camping, rooting for the San Francisco Giants and 49ers, golfing, and watching movies.

More team members will officially join the department in the upcoming weeks so be sure to follow our updates to learn more about each of them.

*For More Information, Visit the Transition Webpage:*

<https://www.ci.lathrop.ca.us/city-manager/page/lathrop-police-department-transition>

