



New Lathrop Police Department – February 2022



Figure 1 - Picture of Lathrop Police Commander Kyle Oki (Commission to start 7/1/22)

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 month.

First, as shared in last month's update, two candidates for Commanders received job offers, and now that their pre-employment physical and background checks are complete, they have begun working for the Department.

Commander Kyle Oki, previously of the San Jose Police Department, comes to Lathrop with 29-year of service in law enforcement. Cmdr. Oki has experience working on assignments including Patrol, Field Training Officer, Special Operations in the Street Crimes and Metro Units, Vice, the Division of Gaming Control, Supervisor of the Assaults Unit, Human Trafficking Task Force, Internal Affairs and the Homicide Crime Scene Unit. Cmdr. Oki has also been recognized for his efforts to combat Human Trafficking, focusing on victim-based approaches to protect the most vulnerable members of the community.

Commander Stephen Sealy comes to Lathrop by way of a 16-year career with the Foster City Police Department. Cmdr. Sealy was highly regarded within the Foster City PD for his leadership skills and community-oriented policing. His previous duties included working in Patrol, S.W.A.T., as a Detective, a member of the Gang Task Force, Field Training, and the Honor Guard. Cmdr. Sealy also served in the US Army for over 12 years and recently received his master's degree in Public Safety and Management.



Figure 2 - Picture of Lathrop Commander Stephen Sealy (Commission to start 7/1/22)

Both of our new Commanders and Chief Bechler will spend the next several weeks meeting with and listening to the community to learn more about their priorities and ideas for making Lathrop a great city for everyone.



Join the City of Lathrop for a **Meet & Greet with incoming Chief of Police Raymond Bechler and Police Commanders Kyle Oki and Stephen Sealy**



- **Monday, February 28, 2022, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.**
River Islands Welcome Center,
1401 River Islands Parkway
- **Wednesday, March 2, 2022, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.**
Lathrop Generations Center,
450 Spartan Way
- **Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.**
City Hall Council Chamber,
390 Towne Centre Drive
- **Thursday, March 10 2022, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.**
Lathrop Senior Center,
15707 5th Street



Figure 3 - Meet and Greet Flyer for Police Chief and Commanders



**For More Information,
Visit the Transition
Webpage**

[https://www.ci.lathrop.ca.us/
city-manager/page/lathrop-
police-department-transition](https://www.ci.lathrop.ca.us/city-manager/page/lathrop-police-department-transition)

New Lathrop Police Department Patches

Second, the new Police Department Patches that will adorn our Police uniforms have arrived. Emboldened with our City Seal and clad in a dark blue softened triangle, these patches will help residents identify our department members from other agencies serving in neighboring jurisdictions. Similarly appearing images will also help identify our service vehicles and other hardware.

Lastly, we are proud to share that the Lathrop Police Department Badges have been designed and will be unveiled at a ceremony this Spring. The Police Badge is the most recognizable icon of law enforcement officers. It is not just a tool to identify the officer and from which department they come; it represents the willingness to sacrifice one's safety to assist others and is a symbol and a promise to uphold the best interests of their community within their position. The sworn personnel who will display our badge on their uniforms will know that wearing them comes with a duty to always serve respectfully and honorably. More information about the Badge unveiling will be shared soon.



*Figure 4 - Picture of New Lathrop Police Badge -
Effective July 1, 2022*