

New Lathrop Police Department June 2022 Update



Figure 1 - Picture of the Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Event for the new Lathrop Police Station on June 25, 2022

The new **City of Lathrop** <u>Police Department</u> began full operations on Wednesday, June 29 at 12:00 noon with a ceremony and vehicle demonstration at their new headquarters. Preceding the start of operations, the Police Headquarters hosted the public for a grand opening celebration, ribbon cutting, and dedication on Saturday, June 25. The state-of-the-art facility, purpose-built to serve as the base of operations for Lathrop's first-ever law enforcement agency, is now the home of the City's 35 sworn officers and 12 non-sworn professional personnel.

"I am very excited to now begin full operations and share with 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 this done, 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. I hope the residents of Lathrop will be 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."



City of Lathrop Police Department 940 River Islands Pkwy Office Hours: M-F 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM

> Phone Numbers: (209) 647-6400 -Administration

(209) 249-2000 -Emergency, Non-Life Threatening Calls

> Call 911 - Life Threatening Emergencies



To Learn More About The New Lathrop Police Department Visit Their Webpage:

https://www.ci.lathrop.c a.us/police The Lathrop City Council approved forming its very own Police Department in April 2021. Lathrop was the only incorporated city in San Joaquin County without its own Police Department. In contrast, smaller cities, such as Escalon, population 7,500, have already made the transition to create their own Police Departments. By creating its own Department, the City will be able to increase the number of officers and non-sworn personnel at a lower cost than its currently contracted police services.

"Thanks to the support of our mayor and city council, and the efforts of our city staff, we've stood up a brand new Police Department in just 15 months," said Stephen Salvatore, Lathrop City Manager. "Our residents will receive the type of law enforcement services they've come to expect, with community involvement, openness, and transparency. And we'll be able to provide more services at a better cost to our taxpayers, building on our long-term fiscal stability projections."

With the new Police Department installed, some commonly used telephone numbers have been updated. Beginning June 29, to report an emergency or non-emergency situation within the City of Lathrop from a mobile or landline phone, please use the following telephone numbers for the fastest response.

Call 9-1-1 for life-threatening emergencies or when someone needs help right away because of an injury or immediate danger.

Text 9-1-1 for life-threatening emergencies or when someone is not able to speak, potentially during a choking/medical emergency, home invader, domestic abuse/violence situation.

For emergency, non-life threatening calls, call 209-249-2000

For the latest news and information about the City of Lathrop Police Department, please bookmark <u>https://www.ci.lathrop.ca.us/police</u>. You can also follow the City of Lathrop Police Department on social media at <u>facebook.com/cityoflathroppd</u>, <u>instagram.com/cityoflathroppd</u>, and <u>twitter.com/cityoflathroppd</u>. Updates will also be published on Nextdoor.com.

