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## Staff Report

ITEM NO. 1-1

**To:** Lemoore City Council  
**From:** Darrell Smith, Chief of Police   
**Date:** May 11, 2015  
**Subject:** New Police Department Chaplain Ceremony

**Meeting Date:** May 19, 2015

### Discussion:

The Lemoore Police Department's Chaplain Program brings experience and guidance that can help officers, staff, and citizen's deal with tragedies. Our Chaplain's volunteer their time, effort, and skills to respond to law enforcement needs by helping those facing hard times. It is with great honor that the Lemoore Police Department welcomes a new addition to the Chaplain Program, Chaplain John Ecker.

Chaplain Ecker was born in Austin, Texas and comes from a military family where both his father and brother served in the United States Air Force. As a child he lived in Texas, Japan, and California. Chaplain Ecker grew up in Lompoc, California where he graduated from Cabrillo High School. He attended California Sate University, Fresno and graduated with honors with a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education.

Chaplain Ecker's first job out of college was the band director at Lemoore High School in 1995. In 1997, he married his wife Amy, and they settled down in Fresno. Chaplain Ecker continued to teach at LHS and soon his wife was hired at LHS to teach English and Drama. In 2002, he stepped down from the high school and was hired at Lemoore Union Elementary School District as a band and choir director.

During this time, Chaplain Ecker become a Worship Pastor and began working part time at his church, Clovis Hills Community Church, as the Music Director. He became a licensed pastor in 2004 and in 2006 he stepped down from teaching and was hired full time at South Valley Community Church in Lemoore as the Worship Pastor. Lemoore then became home for Chaplain Ecker and his wife. Together they have two wonderful boys Aidan, 16, and Dorian, 15. Amy still teaches at Lemoore High School, and both of their boys attend Lemoore High School where they are active in sports, NJROTC, and FFA. Throughout the past 20 years, Chaplain Ecker has built many fond relationships in Lemoore and considers it an honor to be brought into the Lemoore Police Department as a Chaplain. He looks forward to serving the community and the men and women who protect the city he has grown to love.

### Budget Impact:

None.

### Recommendation:

That the Chief of Police administers the attached Oath of Office.

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