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City of Lemoore – New Police Chief for City of Lemoore

The City of Lemoore is pleased to announce that Michael Kendall has been selected as the City's new Police Chief, replacing Chief Darrell Smith, who will retire on December 2, 2019. Commander Kendall will be Interim Police Chief beginning October 16, 2019.

Michael Kendall arrived in Lemoore with the United States Navy in 1999 and served until 2003. He and his wife, Sarah, have made Lemoore their permanent home and are raising three young children, Brayden, Jacob and Colt.

Michael Kendall has been with the Lemoore Police Department for over 15 years. He graduated from the Basic Peace Officer Academy in January 2004 and began his career as a Reserve Officer for the Lemoore Police Department shortly thereafter. In February 2005, he was hired on as a full-time Police Officer.

Prior to his current role as Commander, Kendall held many positions and assignments within the department. These assignments include, but are not limited to, Explorer Advisor, Field Training Officer, Kings County Gang Task Force Investigator, Team Member, Breacher and Assistant Team Leader for the Central Valley Regional SWAT team, Recruit Training Officer for the COS Academy, Range Master, Rifle Instructor, K9 Handler, and Sergeant.

During his years of service, Commander Kendall has exemplified qualities of outstanding character. He has received several commendations, all of which recognize him for his leadership, dedication and commitment to the department, as well as to the citizens of Lemoore. Commander Kendall's experience and dedication to the profession of law enforcement and the community will be of great benefit to the City of Lemoore.