



City of Ridgecrest Police Department

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Press Release

DATE/TIME OF EVENT: December 7, 2017 / 6:00 pm

TYPE OF EVENT: Swearing-in ceremony for new Chief of Police

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, 100 W. California Ave.
Ridgecrest, CA. 93555

RECEPTION: Immediately following ceremony at the Police
Department

Please join us for the swearing-in ceremony for our new Chief of Police, Jed McLaughlin. Chief McLaughlin served in the United States Navy for 4 years with his last military assignment at NAS Keflavik. In 1994, he moved to Ridgecrest where he was subsequently employed at NAWs-China Lake. Chief McLaughlin was hired by the Ridgecrest Police Department in 2001.

During his 17 years of employment with the Ridgecrest Police Department, Chief McLaughlin has worked a myriad of assignments to include; Patrol Division, Crime Suppression Unit, General Investigations, Watch Commander, PACT Supervisor, Explorer Supervisor, and a term as the president of the local police union (PEAR). Chief McLaughlin has held several ranks within the Ridgecrest Police Department including Sergeant, Captain, and his current assignment as Acting Chief for the past 6 months. He has received Officer of the Year and Supervisor of the Year awards. While being employed full time with the Ridgecrest Police Department, Chief McLaughlin obtained his BS degree from University of Phoenix in Criminal Justice, with an emphasis in Organizational Management.

Chief McLaughlin is active in the Ridgecrest community along with his wife and three sons. Chief McLaughlin has been awarded the Boy Scouts "Advisor of the Year" and is currently the President for Indian Wells Valley Football Association for the past six years. He actively coaches youth sports in baseball and football.