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Jay King Named Prosser's New Chief of Police



Prosser, WA: The City of Prosser has a new Police Chief. At the Tuesday, February 28, City Council meeting, Council confirmed Mayor Randy Taylor's appointment of Jay King.

Mr. King, a native of Montgomery, Alabama, earned both his Bachelors and Masters of Science in Justice and Public Safety from Auburn University Montgomery, and is currently a candidate for a Master of Science in Public Administration. While working on his degrees, King was inducted into Alpha Phi Sigma – National Criminal Justice Honor Society, Sigma Alpha Pi – National Leadership and Success Society and received National Excellence in Leadership Award, Phi Kappa Phi – National All Discipline Honor Society and Pi Alpha Alpha – National Public Administration Honor Society.

King's tenure in law enforcement began when he enlisted in the Alabama Army National Guard in December 1990. He was assigned to the 217th Military Police Company, where he reached the highest rank of Specialist. He earned several medals and ribbons during his service until he received an Honorable Discharge in December 1997.

With over 26 years of law enforcement experience with the City of Montgomery, Alabama beginning in July of 1994 and two years with the City of Unalaska, Alaska, King served in the Patrol, Traffic and Administrative divisions. He continued to move up through the ranks being promoted to Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain and Major. During his tenure he was able to establish the department's Motor Pool program and served as the Accreditation Manager for the department when it received its first CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) accreditation. Additionally he completed both the Management and Executive Leadership Courses through the United States Air Force, established the official Safety and Security Operations Plan for the annual ESPN Camellia Bowl and was the Commander over the establishment of the Real-Time Crime Center. In August 2020, he retired after 26+ years of service.

That same month (August 2020), he was appointed as the Director of the City of Unalaska Department of Public Safety. In May 2021, he received a Life Saving Recognition award from the Anchorage Airport Police Department. During his service in Unalaska, he was selected to attend the FBI National Academy Session 283. As part of this training program, King was recognized for his participation in the International Partnership Program. Upon graduation from the FBI National Academy, he was awarded a Graduate Certificate in Criminal Justice Education.



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Mayor Taylor said, “Jay brings the right amount of experience and leadership to our City. We are excited to have someone with his caliber of experience join our team.”

In addition, King has been active in various professional and civic organizations throughout his career. FBI National Academy Association, International Association of Chiefs of Police, Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police, Alaska Association of Chiefs of Police, Alabama Peace Officers Association, Alaska Peace Officers Association, Alabama Police Benevolent Association, Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence, Fraternal Order of Police, Ballyhoo Lions Club and Capital City Kiwanis Club just to name a few.

“My professional work history is evidence of my determination to be a public servant. My professional philosophy encompasses the mission of safeguarding life and property, a vision of ridding the community of crime while providing the best level of service possible and guided by my core values, which include service, integrity, respect, leadership and innovation. In my down time I like to hunt, scuba dive, ride motorcycles and fly planes,” stated Jay.

Mr. King will be joining the City on March 13, replacing its previous Police Chief, David Giles who resigned in February of 2023. A swearing in ceremony will occur at the March 14 City Council meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. at 1002 Dudley Ave., Prosser.

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