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Prosser Police Department Promotion Announcements

Prosser, WA: The Prosser Police Department is happy to announce the recent promotions of three (3) of its officers during the Annual Employee Appreciation & Recognition Event, hosted at the Prosser Police Department on Thursday, November 30, 2023. Both Police Chief Jay King and Mayor Randy Taylor served as the master of ceremonies. The promotion announcement was followed by an Oath of Office Ceremony administered by City Clerk, Rachel Shaw and a Pinning Ceremony attended by both peers and family members.

Police Corporal Scott Orate, a Prosser resident, has been with the Prosser Police Department for nearly ten years and has prioritized public service and community engagement policing. After completion of the Civil Service testing process, Officer Orate was selected to promote to the position of Corporal, effective December 1, 2023. Prior to becoming an officer, Corporal Orate served in the United States Coast Guard for eleven years. After transitioning to civilian law enforcement, he worked for the cities of Pasco and Sunnyside Police Departments. Corporal Orate serves as one of the Departments Firearms Instructors, Field Training Officers and Public Information Officer (PIO).

Police Corporal Eric St. John is a 22-year veteran of the Kanas National Guard and US Army. During his active duty, St. John deployed in a combat zone during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He later served as a law enforcement officer in Kansas for 21 years assigned as a Master Deputy and Sergeant. Officer St. John joined the Prosser Police Department in 2018. Since joining the Department, he has assisted with many assignments including Taser Instructor and EVOC Instructor. He also serves as one of the Departments Field Training Instructors who ensure that new officers are trained properly and capable of serving our community. He along with Corporal Orate promoted to the position of Corporal, effective December 1, 2023, after completion of the Civil Service testing process.

Police Detective Thomas Forsyth, a Prosser native, graduated from Prosser High School. After graduation, he served in the Washington Army National Guard. Officer Forsyth has been with the Prosser Police Department since 2022. Prior to joining the Department, he worked for Washington State Patrol (WSP) as a Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer for seven years. Detective Forsyth is an A.R.I.D.E. Specialist and serves as the Department's Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer and as one of the Department's three (3) EVOC Instructors. Detective Forsyth promoted to the position of Detective effective December 1, 2023.

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