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Pleasanton Police Department Celebrates Promotions & Welcomes New Police Officers

Pleasanton, Calif. The Pleasanton Police Department held a special badge pinning and oath of office ceremony on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 to celebrate two promotions and welcome two new Police Officers to the Department. Sergeant Larry Cox was promoted to the rank of Police Lieutenant and Officer Jason Knight was promoted to the rank of Police Sergeant. Stephen Akacsos and Brian Jewell were sworn-in as Pleasanton's newest Police Officers.

Lieutenant Cox joined the Pleasanton Police Department in 2001 and has served as Detective, Field Training Officer, Patrol Officer and Personnel and Training Officer. He was promoted to Police Sergeant in 2014 and since then served as a Patrol Supervisor and more recently as the Criminal Investigations Supervisor. Lieutenant Cox is also the Tactical Commander of the East County Tactical Team. Lieutenant Cox possesses a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Management and is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Public Administration and Leadership.

Sergeant Knight was hired by the Pleasanton Police Department in 2004. He has worked as a D.A.R.E Officer, School Resource Officer, Field Training Officer, Bicycle Officer and Terrorism Liaison Officer. Sergeant Knight is currently the Personnel and Training Officer. Jason holds a Bachelor's degree from UC Davis and a Master's degree in Public Administration from California State University, Hayward.

Stephen (Sam) Akacsos and Brian Jewell graduated from the Alameda County Sheriff's Office Regional Training Center on Tuesday, March 14, 2017. They were both hired as Police Recruits by the Pleasanton Police Department in August of 2016. Sam was born and raised here in Pleasanton, graduated from



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Foothill High School, and holds a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Nevada, in Reno. Brian grew up in Livermore and graduated from Livermore High School. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from California State University, Sacramento. Officers Akacos and Jewell will undergo an approximate sixteen week field training process before being assigned to patrol Pleasanton as solo officers.