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### Pleasanton Police Department Welcomes Two New Officers

The City of Pleasanton and the Pleasanton Police Department are excited to welcome Austin Eckardt and Daniel Efting as Pleasanton's newest Police Officers. The officers were sworn in on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and will begin patrolling Pleasanton as solo officers once they complete an approximate sixteen week field training process.

Officer Eckardt was born in Tracy, California and raised in Livermore. He graduated from Livermore High School and is pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice at Las Positas College. Austin became interested in law enforcement after meeting and becoming good friends with many first responders at his local cross fit gym. He went on to graduate from the Southbay Regional Public Safety Training Consortium at the Evergreen College Campus. In his off-duty time, Austin enjoys working out, bass fishing and spending time with his wife, family and two dogs.

Officer Efting was born and raised in Sunnyvale, California. He graduated from The King's Academy High School and attended San Jose State University, earning an Undergraduate and a Graduate degree in Justice Studies. Daniel graduated third in his class from the Alameda County Sheriff's Office Regional Training Center on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017. He previously worked for the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety as a Parking Enforcement Officer and as a Community Service Officer. Daniel enjoys hiking, fishing, archery and collecting silver coins with his dad.

Both officers reside in the Tri-Valley and look forward to serving the Pleasanton community.

Please see attached photos.