



VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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*****NEWS RELEASE*****

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Chief Jason Salazar Announces Lieutenant Promotions

Chief Jason Salazar announces the promotions of Sergeant Kevin Kroeze and Sergeant Andrew Swarthout to the position of Police Lieutenant.

Lieutenant Kevin Kroeze began his law enforcement career as a Community Service Officer for the city of Paramount in 1998. In 1999, Kevin Kroeze attended the LA County Sheriff's Department Academy and became a deputy sheriff. Kevin moved to Visalia in 2004 and went on to join the Visalia Police Department shortly thereafter.

As a police officer, Kevin has held assignments in Patrol, Field Training Unit, and the Crisis Intervention Team. In 2009, he promoted to a detective in the Property Crimes Unit. After Kevin's promotion to Sergeant in 2011, he held assignments in Patrol, Field Training Unit, Violent Crimes Unit, and the Professional Standards Bureau.

Lieutenant Kevin Kroeze has a Bachelor Degree in Sociology from Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa and has attended the POST Supervisory Leadership Institute and the LAPD Leadership Academy. Lieutenant Kroeze has also participated in various committees such as the City of Visalia Neighborhood Preservation Committee and Patrol Planning Committee.

Lieutenant Andrew Swarthout began his law enforcement career with the Visalia Police Department in 2006. During his employment, Andrew Swarthout has held assignments in Patrol, DUI Unit, Field Training Unit, Property Crimes Unit, and the Violent Crimes Unit where he investigated Robbery and Homicide cases. In 2017, Andrew was promoted to Agent where he held assignments in the Homeless Outreach and Proactive Enforcement (HOPE) Team and the Commercial Policing Unit. In October of 2017, Andrew promoted to Sergeant where he has been assigned to Patrol.

Lieutenant Andrew Swarthout has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from California Coast University and is also currently completing his Master's of Science Degree in Law Enforcement and Public Safety Leadership Program with the University of San Diego.

Please join us in congratulating Lieutenant Kevin Kroeze and Lieutenant Andrew Swarthout on their new position, effective Saturday, August 31, 2019.





Kevin Kroeze



Andrew Swarthout

