



VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Chief Salazar Announces Sergeant Promotions

Chief Jason Salazar announces the promotions of Agent Blake McEwen and Agent Jacob Sorensen to the position of Police Sergeant.

In 2008, Sergeant Blake McEwen was hired by the Visalia Police Department as a Police Officer. Blake has held various assignments including Patrol, Crisis Intervention Training Officer, Explorer Advisor, Youth Services Officer, Emergency Vehicle Operations (EVOC) Instructor, Mobile Field Force member, Background Investigator, and as a Detective for the Property Crimes Unit.

In 2019, Blake promoted to the position of Police Agent where he was assigned to the District 1 Substation and the HOPE Team. Blake holds an Associate of Arts degree in General Studies from Fresno City College.

In 2008, Sergeant Jake Sorensen began his law enforcement career at Los Alamitos Police Department where he held assignments in Patrol, Investigations, and SWAT. Prior to graduating the police academy, Jake served his country for four years in the United States Marine Corps. After serving in Iraq, he was honorably discharged in 2007. In 2014, Jake was hired by the Visalia Police Department where he has held assignments in Patrol, Violent Crimes Unit, and SWAT.

In 2019, Jake promoted to the position of Police Agent where he was assigned to the Traffic Unit and Special Enforcement Unit. Jake holds a Bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts from Columbia College.

Their new promotions will take effect on Saturday, February 26, 2022.

