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CHIEF JEFF M. GUNTER OF HAILEY POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVING EXECUTIVE CERTIFICATE

Meridian, ID –POST Council Chairman, Chief Dan Weaver and POST Division Administrator, William Flink, will present Chief Jeff Gunter the POST Executive Certificate—the highest certificate awarded to peace officers in this state.

Chief Gunter started his career in law enforcement in 1989 by helping a friend who was a Bellevue deputy and shortly thereafter joined the Bellevue Marshall's Office reserve program. In July of 1990 he joined the Blaine County reserve program and decided he wanted to go into law enforcement full time. He applied for an open position with Hailey Police Department and was hired August 1990 as a full time patrol officer. He promoted to sergeant by 1995. In 1998 he was hired as Chief of Police for the City of Bellevue and soon wore two hats: part time city administrator and police chief. He returned to the Hailey Police Department in November of 2000 as a lieutenant. In October of 2007, Chief Gunter was promoted to Chief of Police.

"I have great staff who share my vision of being the "best" department in the state, " says Chief Gunter, "I define "best" as being a well respected police department the community truly supports and is proud of."

Chief Gunter throughout his career has obtained the Patrol Basic, Intermediate, Advanced, Supervisor and Management certification. He is currently enrolled and progressing towards achieving his educational goal of obtaining his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. With good humor he calls his educational goal his "hobby" but modestly admits he has 75% of his credits and is almost there. In addition he is very active in his community with Rotary, Blaine County Drug Coalition, Business After Hours, South Valley Business Alliance, Hailey Chamber of Commerce, Sawtooth Emergency Medical Council, and mentoring with the Blaine County School District's "lunch buddy" program. He was recently recognized in the Sun Valley Guide's "Best of the Valley, 2010" voted "Best City/County Staffer." Chief Gunter resides with his wife Gloria in Bellevue.

The presentation will be held Monday, November 22nd at 5:30 p.m. during the City Council Meeting at Hailey City Hall located at 115 South Main Street.

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