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## Mayor Burke Selects Hailey Police Chief

### Steve England to be Sworn in Monday March 9, 2020

(Hailey, Idaho) – Hailey Mayor Martha Burke is pleased to announce her selection of Hailey Assistant Chief Steve England to take the office of Chief of Police for the City of Hailey. Assistant Chief Steve England has been filling the duties of Chief since January 29, 2020, showing himself in that time period to have the qualities and skills needed for the position of Police Chief. Mayor Burke will administer the police chief’s oath of office to England during the Hailey City Council meeting to be held Monday, March 9, 2020 at 5:30 in the city council chambers. The public is welcome to attend.

England has served 22 years in law enforcement. He began his career with the Bellevue Marshall’s office, and was hired by Hailey Police Department in early 2001 as a patrol officer, serving with enthusiastic vigor, thorough communication and follow up, which soon led him to being assigned as a School Resource Officer, then an investigator followed by promotion to sergeant. He taught traffic school and showed himself to be instructional and supportive of staff. In 2007 he was promoted to lieutenant, taking on operational chief duties. He has served as Assistant Chief of the department since November 2018.

Mayor Burke is pleased to provide the community with a smooth transition and an increase in the level of service offered by Hailey Police Department. “Traffic control is the largest concern of our citizenry,” said Mayor Burke. “Although the complexity of crimes has increased in our technological age, I hear concerns mostly about traffic control and the safety of children within our community and schools. We have a robust safety program in partnership with the school district, with two Hailey Police Officers stationed as School Resource Officers within schools, and an active and enthusiastic police force working within the community. England has succeeded in the past month in securing the hire of two officers into HPD, flattening the command hierarchy, and planning to operate with three command staff, the chief and two sergeants, rather than the five-member command staff of the past. With the promotion of Steve England, I pledged to protect and serve the community of Hailey through Hailey Police Department.”



Steve England states, "I am honored beyond belief to have been chosen to help lead such an amazing group of Law Enforcement professionals such as those within Hailey Police Department. I look forward to this next endeavor in my career and our department's future together. We got this and thank you all."

Mayor Burke is evaluating the pay scale of the Hailey Police department staff, and will reassign wages for the second half of the fiscal year beginning in April for qualifying personnel. England's salary will be determined in that effort, based on budget considerations relative to his qualifications and experience. His current salary as Assistant Chief has been \$86,840.



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