



City of Oakdale Press Release

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New Police Chief Selected

Oakdale, CA – After completing a comprehensive recruitment process, the City of Oakdale is pleased to announce the appointment of its new Police Chief, Jerry Ramar.

Chief Ramar, a local Oakdale resident, brings nearly twenty years of demonstrated law enforcement and leadership experience to Oakdale. Ramar joined the Oakdale Police Department in October 2019 when he was selected to fill the lieutenant position. Ramar has been the Acting Police Chief since July 2021, when outgoing Chief of Police Scott Heller announced his retirement.

Ramar began his law enforcement career as a police officer with the San Jose Police Department and then held various positions with the Modesto Police Department including police officer, street crimes investigator, detective, and sergeant. Additionally, Ramar holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice and Police Supervision from the Union Institute & University.

In this capacity, Ramar will serve as one of three City Department Heads, managing a team of approximately 53 full-time and part-time law enforcement professionals.

“We are very fortunate to have someone of his caliber fill this critical position,” said City Manager Bryan Whitemyer. He further adds, “Jerry Ramar is extremely prepared to serve in this role as he has worked diligently to earn the trust of his department and community.”

Members of the public are invited to attend the City Council meeting scheduled for on November 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., where an official badge ceremony will be conducted.

