



CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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CPD Announces Promotion of Veteran Officer

Chief of Police Mike Maloney announced the promotion of veteran police sergeant George Laver to the position of police lieutenant this morning. The promotion will be effective Sunday, November 20, 2011.

Lieutenant Laver first became associated with the Chico Police Department in 1985 as an intern and a volunteer after having moved to Chico to attend CSUC. He joined the Department in 1987 as a police officer, and has been assigned as a patrol officer, bicycle officer, field training officer, traffic officer, patrol sergeant, traffic sergeant, special operations sergeant, Tazer training officer, reserve program coordinator, and he has coordinated several traffic and alcohol related grant programs for the Department. For the last year and a half he has been assigned as an acting lieutenant in the Operations Division. Most recently, Lieutenant Laver was the Incident Commander for the 2011 Halloween Operation. With his promotion, Lieutenant Laver will remain assigned in Operations, where he will have oversight of several teams of police personnel.

Lieutenant Laver received the Department's Medal of Merit when he was recognized as the Peace Officer of the Year in 2010, and he has been recognized on several occasions as the employee of the month. He received his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Administration from CSUC in 2011. A baseball fanatic, he is married, and he lives in Chico with his family.

Lieutenant Laver's promotion will create a vacancy among the ranks of the department's sergeants, and Chief Maloney hopes to fill that position within the next several weeks.

Chief Maloney noted, "George will be a tremendous addition to the Department's Command Staff and Management Team. I am certain his attention to detail and his knowledge and experience with Department issues will prove to be invaluable in this new position. We're very please to be able to promote somebody of George's caliber from within the organization."