

## News Release

### New Police Chief Appointed and Approved by Council

(October 3, 2011) Tonight the Nampa City Council approved the appointment of LeRoy Forsman to serve as Nampa's next Chief of Police.

"I am pleased to appoint LeRoy Forsman as Chief of Police. He stood out as the best candidate for the job and I am confident he is the right person to lead the Police Department in coming years," said Mayor Tom Dale. "He has proven his leadership throughout his career with Nampa and has a heart for the people in his department."

The city received 19 applications from across the country for this position, which included applicants from Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California, Texas and New York, to name a few. A search committee conducted nine phone interviews and narrowed it down to three applicants who were brought in for more formal and extensive interviews.

The interview board was made up of law enforcement officials from ISP, City of Caldwell, and City of Meridian, along with the Mayor, Human Resource Director, and City Council Member Pam White. The board found LeRoy Forsman to be the strongest and best candidate.

"The other candidates were very good, but certainly LeRoy's passion for the City of Nampa, the Nampa Police Department and its employees set him apart," said Tracy Basterreachea, Meridian's Deputy Chief of Police. "I have known LeRoy for many years and I have to say I respect him not only as a Police Officer, but as a father and a husband. He truly is an example for others to follow."

"I am very pleased to hear LeRoy Forsman has been selected to become the new chief of police in Nampa," said Caldwell Police Chief Chris Allgood. "The Caldwell Police Department has enjoyed a good working relationship with the Nampa Police Department and I am certain LeRoy will continue that positive relationship and spirit of cooperation. We will give him our support as he takes on this new role."

LeRoy said he felt honored to be chosen from such a wide range of candidates. "I believe that the Nampa Police Department is one of the finest agencies in the entire nation. Our people make us the successful department that we are. It is my goal to

continue to build upon the close working relationships we have developed with the community, other City departments, and our partners at the state and federal levels,” said Forsman. “The Nampa Police Department is devoted to public safety and progressive problem solving within our community. We take this mission very seriously. I am honored to be affiliated with this department and each of the fine men and women who serve so selflessly.”

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Forsman has been a law enforcement officer for 28 years, 21 of those years has been with the City of Nampa. Since joining Nampa in 1990, he has worked in patrol, investigations, training and was also a School Resource Officer, Public Information Officer, and served on the Selective Traffic Enforcement Team. Forsman was promoted to Lieutenant in 2004 and to Deputy Chief in 2006. He has served as an instructor at the Idaho Peace Officers Standards and Training Academy for 20 years.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Northwest Nazarene University and a Master of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice Leadership from Concordia University. LeRoy is a graduate of the Delinquency Control Institute through the University of Southern California, the Chief Executive Leadership Course from the Southern Police Institute and the School of Police Staff and Command through Northwestern University.

Forsman is a member of the Nampa Kiwanis Club, the American Legion, and serves on several local boards and committees.

Forsman will replace Bill Augsburger who retires the end of October.

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