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Menifee Police Department continues excellence in hiring

Menifee hires 13 new officers, 2 Community Service Officers, 2 Record Technicians, 1 Crime Scene Technician, 1 Executive Assistant

MENIFEE, CA- The City of Menifee Police Department continues to grow its high caliber staff with Police Chief Walsh adding additional officers and professional staff who started this week. The new staff joined the Executive Team in preparing for the department launch on July 1, 2020. *"I could not be more pleased with our new staff. Each of them have already displayed tremendous passion, vision, work ethic, and a commitment to making the Menifee Police Department a premier law enforcement agency. I am confident our community will be just as proud of them as I am."* –Chief Pat Walsh.



Left to right – Back Row:

Officer Anthony Clay earned his Master's Degree in Public Administration and served 4 years in the United States Marine Corps. He has about 14 years' experience in Law Enforcement, to include Field Training and Special Response Teams, and comes to us from the Whittier Police Department.

Community Service Officer Damon Bowen comes to us with over 4 years of experience with the Wyoming Highway Patrol where he served as a State Trooper. He has a background in crash investigations, criminal interdiction, impaired driving enforcement and investigations. CSO Bowen's



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Officer Vince Alcala obtained his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of California Riverside in Business Administration. He began his law enforcement career 4 years ago with the Montclair Police Department serving as a patrol officer and was a member of the mobile field force team.

Officer Brandyn Mooney began his law enforcement career with the Los Angeles Police Department in 2016. Prior to his career in law enforcement, Officer Mooney was a lifeguard and swim instructor year-round at the Chino Valley YMCA. Officer Mooney earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from California State University, San Bernardino.

Officer Matt Harper began his law enforcement over 21 years ago in Salt Lake City, Utah. He comes to us with experience as a detective, instructor, motor officer, K9 officer, and SWAT operator.

Executive Assistant Sheila Lawton is a seasoned professional with over 25 years in the field. She is an experienced Executive Assistant with management and leadership skills, and an excellent combination of smarts, determination, interpersonal skills, and a great work ethic with a very strong undercurrent fueling the success of any organization or department.

Left to right – Center Row:

Officer Michael Poole served eight years in the United States Marine Corps before starting his career in law enforcement with the Rialto Police Department in 2016. He has received his MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) Award and serves as a Drug Recognition Expert.

Officer Evelio Carrera graduated from Santa Ana College with an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice. He began his career in law enforcement in 2016 with the San Bernardino County Sheriff Department where he served in the detention and patrol divisions.

Officer Tom Perez graduated from Cal State Long Beach with a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice. He has 9 years law enforcement experience and comes to us from Cal State Fullerton Police Department where he served as Corporal. Officer Perez is an experienced Field Trainer and drone operator.

Officer Eric Springer holds a Bachelor's of Science in Criminology from the California State University. He has about 16 years law enforcement experience and comes to us from the San Diego State University Police Department where he held the rank of Sergeant. Officer Springer brings experience as an instructor, SWAT operator, and Field Trainer.

Officer Ricardo Duran began his law enforcement career in 2017 with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department where he served with the detention and patrol divisions. Officer Duran's commitment to his profession and community has earned him recognition from Mothers Against Drunk Driving.



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Records Technician Jasmin Victorio began her career in law enforcement 12 years ago as an Office Assistant with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, with the last 8 years in a supervisory position. She has earned two Associates Degrees and is currently completing a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

Officer Quincy Mercado began her career in law enforcement in 2015 and comes to us from the Los Angeles Police Department. She served in the Hollenbeck and Rampart Divisions, and was assigned to a special assignments/enforcement detail. Officer Mercado earned a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from USC.

Left to right – Front Row:

Officer Tony Ulrich earned his Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Management and has 13 years of law enforcement experience. He comes to us from the Monterey Park Police Department with experience in Patrol, Field Training and the Detective Bureau.

Officer Gabe Lozano began his Law Enforcement career 6 years ago at the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. He served in detention and patrol, and was the Coordinator for the East Valley Mounted Posse Search and Rescue. Officer Lozano received several awards to include a lifesaving award.

Officer Thomas D'Alessandro earned a Bachelor's Degree in Administration of Justice from the University of Phoenix and began his career in law enforcement in 2007. He comes to us from the San Marino Police Department with experience in traffic enforcement, field training, and instructing.

Crime Scene Investigator/Property and Evidence Technician Chonte Keene started her law enforcement career with the Hemet Police Department 6 years ago where she managed the property room, processed crimes scenes, developed training programs, and assured procedural compliance. In 2019, she was elected to the position of Vice President of the Inland Chapter of CAPE (California Association of Property and Evidence).

Community Service Officer Nicole Kemp graduated from Mount St. Mary's College with an Associate's Degree in Human Services and comes to us from the City of Commerce. With over 3 years of experience, she has worked a variety of details to include community events that enhance engagement between public safety and the community.

Records Technician Yvette Magdaleno began her career in law enforcement in 2002 as a Records clerk, and comes to us from the Murrieta Police Department. She brings experience in Detention and supervision to her new career with the Menifee Police Department.

To learn more about the Menifee Police Department, please call (951)672-6777 or visit www.MenifeePolice.org. or the City's website at www.cityofmenifee.us.