

# Placerville Police News Release

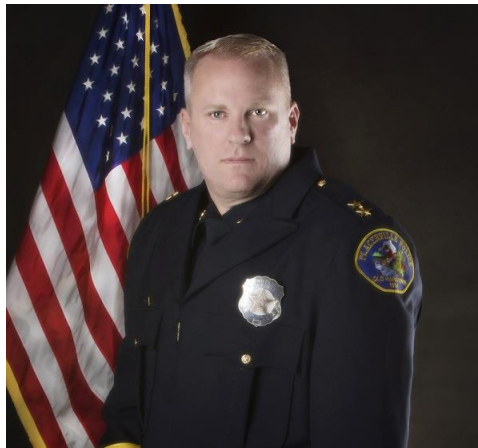


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## Placerville Appoints New Chief of Police



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**Placerville, CA** – The Placerville City Council appointed Joseph Wren as the new Chief of Police.

On August 11<sup>th</sup> 2020, the Placerville City Council appointed Joseph Wren as the new Chief of Police during a regularly scheduled City Council Meeting. Chief Wren was originally hired as a Commander for the Placerville Police Department in January of 2016 and had been serving as Interim-Chief for the department since May of this year.

Chief Wren was born and raised in the farming community of Merced County and started his career in agriculture until enlisting in the United States Marine Corps. After four years, Chief Wren honorably discharged from the Marine Corps and attended the police academy in Modesto, CA. Still having a desire to serve, Chief Wren enlisted in the California Army National Guard where he served as a Non-Commissioned Officer, leading an infantry squad. After graduating the academy, Chief Wren started his law enforcement career in 1996 with Sutter Creek Police Department where he gained a keen sense of

community and service to others. He would later move on to work for Merced County Sheriff's Office, Newark Police Department and Merced Police Department.

After several years in law enforcement, Chief Wren moved back down to the central valley to be with his aging parents. He was hired with the Ceres Police Department where he distinguished himself as a K9 handler, receiving the lifesaving medal, law enforcement Medal of Valor as well as being named the American Red Cross Hero of the Year in 2007 and again in 2013. Chief Wren served Ceres as a watch commander and special unit supervisor before finding his home with the Placerville Police Department in January of 2016 where he brought with him insightful leadership experience.

Chief Wren earned his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice, his Master's Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy session #279.

In his spare time Chief Wren enjoys spending time with his wife, three children and two dogs. His favorite activity is training in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and MMA. When asked about his core values, Chief Wren said that faith, family, and service are the pillars of his beliefs.

The Placerville Police Department congratulates Chief Wren on his appointment and looks forward to his many years of service.