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The City of Morro Bay is sad to announce the retirement of Police Chief John DeRohan but is pleased to announce the upcoming appointment of Commander Tim Olivas as Chief DeRohan's successor.

Chief DeRohan is retiring on April 23rd of this year after a 31 year law enforcement career, including 18 years in upper management, spanning three municipal police agencies. Chief DeRohan was hired by the City of Morro Bay in 2002 to replace Chief Joe Loven, who was retiring within one year. Chief DeRohan was sworn in as Morro Bay Police Department's sixth Police Chief in April 2004.

Chief DeRohan began his career as a Reserve Police Officer with the City of Oceanside, and was hired full time in April 1980. After ten years of experiencing nearly all assignments within the Oceanside Police Department and advancing to the rank of Sergeant, he tested with the Pismo Beach Police Department and was hired in 1992 as their Police Commander. During his time at Pismo Beach, he met Morro Bay Chief Loven who encouraged him to apply for the Morro Bay Chief's job.

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Chief DeRohan's main goal when he became Chief in 2004 was to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the Police Department and to improve its relationship with the community. Chief DeRohan has accomplished this goal and is retiring with a true sense of accomplishment. In spite of continuous budget and staffing reductions over the past several years, Chief DeRohan and the hard working members of the Morro Bay Police Department are responsible for a 24% reduction in crime since he became Chief. Chief DeRohan was instrumental in enhancing the professional image of the Police Department, volunteer efforts of the Department, numerous accomplishments including prestigious awards from the International Association of Chiefs of Police and California Peace Officers Association, as well as making sure the members of the Police Department were visible and involved in the community. He was named "Rotarian of the Year" in 2007 by the Morro Bay Rotary Club. Chief DeRohan's retirement plans including spending more time with his wife and two children, working around the house, and going wherever life takes him.

When asked about the impending retirement, City Manager Andrea Lueker said "While it is sad to see John retire after such a strong and productive career, we are very pleased to have such a high quality candidate to take his place." Mayor Janice Peters said "I appreciate Chief DeRohan's service to the City, especially during a very challenging budget period. Commander Olivas is well-known and respected in the community, and I am very glad that he will be our new Police Chief."

Tim Olivas will be officially sworn in at the April 26, 2010 City Council meeting in Morro Bay.