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*Deputy Chief Jeff Beazizo (above) is replacing retiring Police Chief John Dyer.*

### **Lake Stevens Police Chief Dyer Retires, Deputy Chief Beazizo Takes the Reins**

Lake Stevens, Wash. – Deputy Chief Jeff Beazizo is the new Chief of Police for the City of Lake Stevens. Chief Beazizo will replace retiring Chief John Dyer, who has served the city for the past five years.

“We are excited to have Chief Beazizo accept the position,” said City Administrator Gene Brazel. “Not only is he from Lake Stevens, but he also has a breadth and depth of experience that is hard to find for small cities.”

Chief Beazizo has lived in the Lake Stevens community for 20 years with his family. He started his law enforcement career in 1990 with the Washington State Patrol rising to the rank of a lieutenant in Snohomish County before retiring. After retiring from WSP, he went on to serve as the Safety/Risk Management Officer with the Monroe School District where he focused on school safety, security, and emergency preparedness. The Lake Stevens Police Department hired Beazizo in 2017 as its Support Services Division Commander before promoting him to Deputy Police Chief earlier this year.

As Chief, Beazizo wants to continue the city’s emphasis on community-based policing through professional police services, organizational excellence, and community interaction. He wants to focus on hiring, training, and retaining professional and well-trained officers, providing the residents of Lake Stevens with proactive and trustworthy police services. Recently accredited by the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs in 2020, Beazizo intends to preserve those high standards and work to retain the sought-after accreditation.

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The department plans to host a Citizen’s Academy to build collaborative community relationships while providing insight to community members in policing policies, procedures and tactics, emergency management, and build up the department’s volunteer program. As video technology has expanded and become more efficient, Chief Beazizo also wants to develop a program where citizens can share secured video footage from their home security systems with officers to see if individuals who are involved in a crime can be identified. Chief Beazizo also plans for the Lake Stevens Police Department to work with local seniors to help provide information to reduce the cases of fraud.

“We need residents and businesses partnering with us to reduce crime,” he said. “Having community members actively engaged will help reduce the non-violent crimes that occur most often and are the most difficult to stop, such as graffiti, vandalism, fraud, and mail and package theft.”

Chief Beazizo started in the position on August 18 the same day Chief John Dyer officially retired. Chief Dyer has served as Lake Stevens’ Chief of Police since 2016. His law enforcement career spanned almost four decades in the states of Washington and Colorado. Chief Dyer accomplished several goals during his tenure with the department, which included State Accreditation through WASPC, building a new police facility, and developing a succession plan for the agency.

“I want to congratulate Chief Dyer on his retirement and thank him for his service and mentorship over the last several years,” said Chief Beazizo. “I love Lake Stevens; it’s my family’s home. And, it’s an honor to serve our community as its next Police Chief.”

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*Lake Stevens (pop. 33,000) is a city in Snohomish County, Washington, named for the lake that it surrounds. The City’s vision is to be “one community around the lake” with a vibrant economy and unsurpassed infrastructure that provides residents an exceptional quality of life. More information about Lake Stevens can be found at [www.lakestevenswa.gov](http://www.lakestevenswa.gov).*