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SUBJECT: Banning Police Department Promotional Ceremony



Top photos: Chief Purvis addressing the audience. Mayor Debbie Franklin is seen presenting a certificate of recognition to Corporal Joe Feola. Bottom photos: Chief Purvis congratulating Corporal Sandra Perea on her promotion. Chief Purvis is seen pinning a badge on Sergeant Matthew Friesen.

On Monday, May 13, 2013, the Banning Police Department held a Promotional Ceremony for eight (8) of its personnel. Banning Chief of Police Leonard Purvis moderated the special event held in the City of Banning Council Chambers and attended by the family, friends, and co-workers of the personnel being recognized, City officials, Banning Chamber of Commerce representatives, and a representative from Senator Bill Emerson's office. Chief Purvis stated, *"This process is one of the many positive tasks that a chief of police gets to participate in during their career. It is also one of the most important."*

The following Banning Police Department personnel were promoted:

Name	Current Rank	New Rank	Effective Date
Matthew Friesen	Detective	Sergeant	05-13-13
Steve Hobb	Corporal	Sergeant	05-13-13
Brandon Smith	Police Officer	Corporal	05-13-13
Sandra Perea	Detective	Corporal	05-13-13
Joseph Feola	Police Officer	Corporal	05-13-13

The following Banning Police Department personnel were assigned to the Detective Bureau:

Name	Current Rank	New Rank	Effective Date
Mike Bennett	Police Officer	Detective	05-13-13
Jack Loera	Police Officer	Detective	05-13-13
Erich Oertel	Police Officer	Detective	05-13-13

Chief Purvis addressed the audience and said, *“The personnel being recognized at today’s promotional ceremony have all excelled in their various assignments and are now ready to take on new responsibilities and positions within the department.”*

Each of the personnel promoted were pinned with their new badge and badge number as part of the ceremony. Chief Purvis added, *“I am confident that everyone who is being promoted today will excel and grow given proper mentoring and training. These men and women are our current and future leaders.”*

Mayor Deborah Franklin was one of several City officials who spoke at the Promotional Ceremony. She commended the individuals being promoted and also thanked the entire Banning Police Department for the tireless efforts to keep the City safe. Mayor Franklin concluded by expressing the community’s appreciation for the role the Banning Police Department played in responding to the recent Summit Fire in the Pass Area.

Questions can be directed to the Banning Police Department at 951.849.1131.

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