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City of Prineville announces list of police chief finalists ahead of Wednesday meet-and-greet

(PRINEVILLE, Ore)— Today, the City of Prineville announced a list of finalists for Prineville’s next police chief. Community members will have the opportunity to meet the finalists at tomorrow’s meet-and-greet.

Tomorrow, June 5, the City of Prineville will host a public meet-and-greet with three finalists for the city’s next police chief. The informal meet-and-greet will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Ron’s Comfort Food Café, located at Meadow Lakes Golf Course. Community members can leave feedback on the candidates on comment cards. Refreshments will be provided.

Candidate Biographies and Headshots (in alphabetical order)



Thomas Olson is an experienced professional with 35 years of law enforcement and military leadership. He began in public service in 1988 and has since worked in the Washington Air National Guard, University of Washington Police Department, and most recently as Chief of Police of the City of Port Townsend (WA). He holds three associate degrees, a Bachelor of Workforce Education and Development, a Master of Organizational Leadership, and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy.



Jeff Profio began his public service career as a police officer with the San Jose (CA) Police Department. After a brief stop mid-career with the Redding (CA) Police Department, he returned to San Jose PD, where he worked his way through the ranks and held the positions of Officer, Sergeant, and Lieutenant. He currently works as a Lieutenant for the West Valley Mission Community College Police Department near San Jose. He holds a Bachelor of Recreation Administration from San Jose State as well as being a POST Master Instructor Program graduate.



Ronald Schaub has served as Chief of Police for the Pacific (WA) Police Department and the Fircrest (WA) Police Department, where he serves now. Additionally, he has served as Patrol Lieutenant, Program Lieutenant, Chief of Public Safety, and Director of Public Safety within the Pierce County (WA) Sheriff's Office. He holds a Bachelor of History from Central Washington University, a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Washington, and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

On Thursday, June 6, the candidates will participate in interviews with three panels consisting of regional public safety professionals, community leaders, and members of the Prineville Police Department.

The candidates were chosen through a national search conducted in collaboration with a third-party firm. The city aims to appoint a new chief by the end of the summer.

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About the City of Prineville:

Located east of the Cascade mountains in Oregon's high desert, the City of Prineville is a resurgent rural community that has preserved its small-town, ranching roots and Western lifestyle while embracing smart growth in a business-friendly environment. With a population of just over 10,000 residents, the county seat of Crook County attracts a diversity of business and lifestyle interests, including tech giants Facebook and Apple, recreational enthusiasts, and a thriving agricultural industry. Incorporated in 1880, City of Prineville operates the oldest continuously running municipal short line railway in the U.S., as well as a public golf course, and airport. Prineville boasts numerous recreational assets, including the Ochoco National Forest and Crooked River, and remains a popular destination for anglers and hunters. For more information on City services and programs visit cityofprineville.com.