



City of Grover Beach

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Grover Beach Police Chief / Assistant City Manager Set to Retire

GROVER BEACH, CA — Grover Beach Police Chief/Assistant City Manager James (“Jim”) Copsey has announced his retirement effective December 26, 2014. The longtime Police Chief and recently appointed Assistant City Manager will be stepping down after 10 years of service with the City of Grover Beach and 27 years in local law enforcement. In making his announcement Copsey said, “I have reached a point where I want to move on with the next chapter in my life” which, according to Copsey, means he will travel and spend more time with his family.

According to Grover Beach City Manager Bob Perrault, “Jim has done a terrific job and will be sorely missed. He is an excellent professional and he has contributed a great deal to the community during his tenure.”

Mayor Peterson noted, “The Chief manages to be both incredibly organized and skilled at building constructive relationships within the department, the City, and with the public. In addition to the time and a half work of running the Police Department and the City, Chief Copsey and his wife have always shown up to serve the community in other ways. We will all miss them.”

In addition to managing the day to day operation of the City’s Police Department, Copsey took on the additional responsibilities of Assistant City Manager in November 2013. He also stepped into the role of Acting City Manager for a short time in early 2013 covering for Perrault during an extended illness.

Looking back at his years with the City of Grover Beach, he characterizes his cumulative experience in overseeing what he considers “the best municipal law enforcement agency in the County” as “Outstanding!” “As a department we have consistently provided a high level of quality services to the residents and business owners in the city, while dealing with some of the on-going challenges typical of providing services in a small town.” Grover Beach has a population of slightly more than 13,000 and has the smallest operating fund of any municipality in the County. Chief Copsey is directly responsible for overseeing a budget of \$3.5 million with a fulltime staffing level of 17 full-time sworn personnel and eight non-sworn personnel. Chief Copsey went on to say that, in addition to serving the citizens in the city, he also enjoyed being a part of the Grover Beach Council/management team, adding “For a small City, we have gotten a lot done.”

Prior to coming to work with the City of Grover Beach, Copsey served as the Chief of Police for 2½ years in King City. He also saw extended service with the City of Monterey where he began his law enforcement career.

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