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Springfield Police Chief Candidate Meet and Greet

What: Springfield Police Chief Candidate Meet and Greet.

When: 4:30-6 p.m., Thursday, April 20

Where: Springfield Justice Center Emergency Operations Center, 230 Fourth Street, Springfield OR

Who: Community members, local and regional partners, business leaders, and members of the media are welcome to attend.

Candidates



Mark Daniel

Mark Daniel has been a captain with the Sherwood Police Department since 2009. Previously he was operations lieutenant for the Port of Portland police for six years and from 1987 to 2003 served with the Salem Police Department where he was a sergeant for five years. Captain Daniel has nearly 30 years of Oregon law enforcement experience. Daniel has a master's degree in Organizational Leadership and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy session #255.



Rick Lewis

Deputy Chief Richard Lewis has lived in the Springfield area for more than 30 years. He graduated from Sherwood High School and attended both Lane Community College and George Fox College, receiving an associate's degree in Criminal Justice and a bachelor's degree in Human Resource Management. He also graduated of the FBI National Academy in 2008. Lewis has been a member of Springfield Police Department since 1982 when he started as a reserve police officer before gaining fulltime employment in 1983. During his career Lewis worked in patrol, detectives, narcotics, SWAT and various other assignments. He was promoted to sergeant in 1999 and to captain in 2000. Lewis has been the AIC Chief of Police since July of 2016.

Background

The City of Springfield began recruiting for a new Springfield Police Chief in January, following former Chief Tim Doney's retirement.

The Police Chief oversees a department with 123 positions and a total operating budget of \$20.6 million. The Springfield Police Department also operates the largest municipal jail in the state, which has reduced misdemeanor and property crime within Springfield.

A total of six applicants applied and three were selected for preliminary interviews in March. Daniel and Lewis were selected to continue in the recruitment process. A final appointment is anticipated by the end of April.

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