



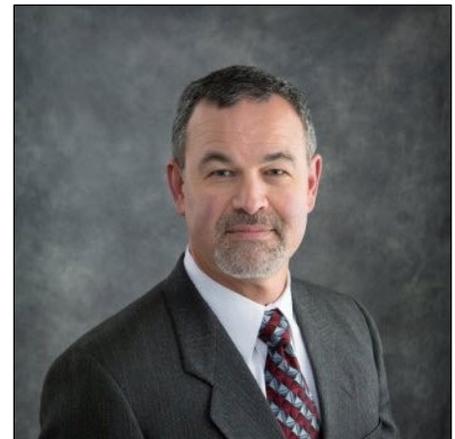
David Pearson Joins SSPD As Interim Police Commander *31-Year Law Enforcement Veteran Brings Expertise to SSPD During Transition*

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-May 10, 2022-The Steamboat Springs Police Department (SSPD) has hired David Pearson, a retired police lieutenant with 31 years of law enforcement experience, as Interim Police Commander.

“Commander Pearson is a strong leader with an extensive background in policing and is an excellent addition to Steamboat Springs,” said Chief Sherry Burlingame. “I’m pleased David agreed to help lead the department until a permanent commander is selected.”

Chief Burlingame hired Pearson to assist in overseeing Patrol and Administrative Operations while the department conducts a hiring process to fill two commander positions this summer.

Commander Pearson retired from Ft. Collins Police Services as a Lieutenant in November 2021, following a 31-year career in policing. He brings a breadth of experience in patrol and special operations, investigations, and training.



“I am very excited about this unique opportunity to work in Steamboat Springs,” said Police Commander Pearson. “I look forward to working with this great organization and this wonderful community.”

During his career, he served as an Acting Assistant Chief for Investigations, Director of the Fort Collins Police Academy, and Commander of the Northern Colorado Drug Task Force, as well as several other supervisory and management roles.

Pearson is skilled in government, law enforcement, emergency management, special operations, less lethal tools and tactics, patrol, and firearms handling. In addition, his consulting company conducts training on a variety of topics across the country. Pearson is also actively involved with the National Tactical Officers Association (NTOA).

Commander Pearson has a bachelor’s degree focused on criminal justice/police science from University of Maryland College Park and a master’s degree in organizational leadership. He will report directly to Chief Burlingame and assumed his interim duties earlier this month.

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