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## **HANFORD POLICE PROMOTE FOUR EMPLOYEES**

*Promotions follow multiple rounds of interviews*

**HANFORD, CA** – The Hanford Police Department has announced promotions for four of its employees, including two to the position of detective and two to the rank of corporal.

“Each officer earned their promotion through their knowledge, experience and commitment to keeping our community safe,” Captain Karl Anderson said. “I’m thankful for their contributions to the city and know they will continue to make a difference in their new roles. Chief Sever and I are very excited to see them grow in their careers and look forward to celebrating all of their future accomplishments.”

**Police Detective Jacob Fogal** joins the investigations division from the patrol unit. Detective Fogal has almost four years of law enforcement experience, including two and a half years with the Hanford Police Department. He is a native of Hanford.

“I’m looking forward to finding out exactly who committed the big crimes that take place here in Hanford,” Detective Fogal said.

**Police Detective Kayla Smith** also comes to the investigations division from patrol. Detective Smith has five years of law enforcement experience and started working for Hanford Police about a year ago. She is also a Hanford native.

“I was so speechless I didn’t know what to say, so they thought the phone call dropped or something. I’m still a little speechless about it,” Detective Smith said about her promotion.

**Corporal Edgar Aguayo** assumes the role of corporal after serving as a detective for Hanford Police. Cpl. Aguayo has been with the department for three and a half years, with a total of 17 years of law enforcement experience. He is originally from Laton.

“I’m excited to serve the community in a different aspect,” Cpl. Aguayo said. “Detective was a good position. Now I’ll go back to the streets and guide the patrol officers and teach them.”

**Corporal Larry Leeds** starts his new position after four years in the traffic unit; an assignment he says he thoroughly enjoyed. Cpl. Leeds is approaching his 10-year anniversary with the Hanford Police Department. He is originally from the City of Fresno.

“It’s mainly a field supervisor position, so I’m looking forward to the new challenge of guiding the new officers that come in and just polishing the seasoned officers,” Cpl. Leeds said.

The Hanford Police Department has a total of 91 employees. Sixty-three are sworn officers. Twenty-eight are professional staff.

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