



Pueblo County Sheriff's Office

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Sheriff Taylor Promotes Four Employees

Pueblo, CO: Pueblo County Sheriff Kirk M. Taylor recently promoted four employees at the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office. David Lucero was promoted to Undersheriff while Steve Bryant was named Chief of the Law Enforcement Bureau, David Spicer was promoted to Sergeant and Dannette Pike was named a supervisor in the communications center. All promotions were effective July 1.

"I am pleased to announce the promotions of these four outstanding members of our agency who consistently demonstrate a strong work ethic, solid leadership and dedication to this organization," said Pueblo County Sheriff Kirk M. Taylor. "They bring a wealth of experience to their new leadership roles, and we look forward to their continued commitment to the sheriff's office and the residents of Pueblo County."

Undersheriff David Lucero is a 22-year law enforcement veteran including 18 years at the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office. Lucero previously had been the Chief of Law Enforcement Bureau. Prior to that, he was Chief of the Detention Bureau. Throughout his tenure with the Sheriff's Office, he has served as a patrol captain, detention operations captain, internal affairs inspector and sergeant. He has also been a detective working in major crimes and in child crimes. He began his career at the PCSO as a patrol deputy. Lucero is a graduate of the 271st session of the FBI National Academy and a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigations Rocky Mountain Command College. He has an undergraduate degree from Colorado State University Pueblo and just recently graduated with a master's degree in public safety from the University of Virginia. Lucero replaces longtime Undersheriff J.R. Hall, who retired in June.

Chief Steve Bryant is a 36-year veteran of the Sheriff's Office and most recently had been the Captain in the Emergency Services Bureau. Prior to that Bryant served as Captain in the Law Enforcement Bureau. He began his career as a detention deputy in 1986 and was promoted to sergeant in 2016 and lieutenant in 2017. In 2019, Bryant was elevated to Captain. Bryant has worked in all three Sheriff's Office bureaus. Throughout his expansive career he has supervised the DARE/SRO deputies, worked in transportation, recreation and medical. He also has worked in investigations, including the Hi-Tech Crimes Unit; and oversaw the SWAT team and operations at Colorado State University Pueblo. Most recently he spearheaded the Sheriff's Office Drone Program.



Sergeant David Spicer has been with the Sheriff's Office since 2015, starting his career as a detention deputy. He has worked in various assignments in the bureau to include classification, detention training officer, background investigator, TASER instructor and a member of the Registered Sex Offender Watch Task Force. He graduated from the Pueblo Law Enforcement Academy in 2019 as the top graduate and earned post certification. He had served as an acting sergeant since 2018. Spicer was named the 2021 Detention Deputy of the Year.

Danette Pike has been a communications officer for six years and became a training officer in 2021. She most recently worked the graveyard shift, where she was recognized by her peers and street supervisors for her hard work and dedication to detail. Pike will now serve as the afternoon supervisor.

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