

## **CHANGES AT SACO POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The Saco Police Department has had a busy start to 2017. In May of 2016, long serving Chief of Police Bradley Paul announced his retirement which took effect on December 31, 2016. This announcement led to a nationwide search for a new Chief of Police. After a very in-depth process, Deputy Chief Raynald Demers, a 34 year veteran of Saco Police Department, was selected as the new Chief of Police. Chief Demers started his career with Saco Police Department as a reserve officer working in Camp Ellis and had spent the last six years as Deputy Chief of Patrol. Chief Demers was sworn in on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 as Saco's new Police Chief.

Another nationwide search was conducted to fill the Deputy Chief vacancy in Support Services. The police department hired Jack Clements as the new Deputy Chief of Support Services. Jack is originally from Kennebunk and worked for two years for the Windham Police Department before moving to Las Vegas, Nevada, where he spent almost 25 years at the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, rising to the rank of Lieutenant. Jack joined the ranks of Saco Police as Deputy Chief on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Since July 2016, the police department has hired ten new police officers to fill vacancies caused by retirements and other staffing changes. Three officers, Daniel Aguilera, John Cunniff, and Kyle Brake, came from the Portland Police Department. Officers Rodney Rossignol and Paul Gauvin came from the Court Marshals in Biddeford District Court and Officer John McGuire came from the New York City Police Department. Also joining us was Officer Amanda Condon who is the most recent Saco officer to graduate from the 18 week Basic Law Enforcement Training Program at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro.

The Police Department currently has three officers serving in our Nation's armed forces:

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| Officer Daniel Aguilera | United States Army, National Guard  |
| Rodney Rossignol        | United States Marine Corp, Reserves |
| Amanda Condon           | United States Air Force, Reserves   |

In addition to the patrol officer hiring, the department filled two additional dispatch vacancies. Dispatcher John Riordan and Dispatcher Jonathan Norton were both hired last May and are currently in training.