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City of White Bear Lake Names Captain Hager as Next Chief of Police

Following a comprehensive selection process, White Bear Lake Police Department's Administrative Captain, Dale Hager, will assume the role of Chief of Police on August 28, 2023. Hager has served as the Administrative Captain and been an instrumental leader in the White Bear Lake community since 2014.



Captain Dale Hager

Hager brings 26 years of law enforcement experience and has served as a Narcotic Task Force Member; Firearms, Field Training and Defensive Tactics Instructor; K9 Handler; Investigator; and School Resource and DARE Officer throughout his career. Prior to being appointed as Administrative Captain, Hager served as Sergeant at the Lino Lakes Police Department. "Captain Hager's past performance in service-oriented leadership to the City and professional preparations demonstrated his outstanding qualifications to assume the responsibilities of White Bear Lake's next Chief of Police," said City Manager Lindy Crawford. She added, "I am excited for the next chapter for the Police Department and to see the ways which he plans to build upon community engagement and officer recruitment and retention."

"I am very grateful for this opportunity, and I very much look forward to continuing the great relationship our department has with the community of White Bear Lake," said Captain Dale Hager. He added, "This city has become my second home, and I am humbled to be put in this position to better serve the citizens of this great community." Hager resides in Forest Lake with his wife and children. When he is not at the office Hager enjoys playing pickleball and basketball and teaching law enforcement courses at Century College.

Hager follows Julie Swanson, who will retire later this month. Swanson has served as White Bear Lake's Chief of Police for the past nine years.

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