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2 Promoted at Sheriff's Office in January

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Washoe County Sheriff Michael Haley announces the promotion of the following two veteran staff members:

Wayne Yarbrough

Lieutenant to Captain

Wayne Yarbrough has been promoted to Captain and will remain assigned to the Detective Division as its Commanding Officer. Following his graduation from the academy in 1988, Yarbrough has been assigned to the Detention Bureau where he was a member of the Detention Response Team followed by an assignment at the Academy, to Patrol and Traffic as a Motor Patrol Deputy.

Yarbrough promoted to Sergeant in 1998 and was stationed in Incline until being assigned to Detectives to oversee the "Crimes against Children" and "Crimes against Property" units.

In 2002, as a new Lieutenant, Yarbrough was reassigned to Detention over operations until being transferred back to Patrol in 2004. Yarbrough was reassigned to Detectives from 2005 to present. Yarbrough is a graduate of the Senior Management Institute of Police (SMIP) at Boston College and the FBI's Southwest Command College.

Russell Pedersen

Sergeant to Lieutenant

Upon graduation from the academy in 1997, Russell Pedersen began his career assigned to the Detention Bureau. Soon after Pedersen was reassigned to Incline Patrol to include boat and ski programs, Community Liaison Officer, in addition he taught DARE to the middle school students and did CSI.

Promoted to Sergeant in 2000, Pedersen was reassigned to Detention where he was in charge of the Inmate Boot Camp Program and was later transferred to the Civil Division.

He was then selected as the Sergeant in command of Search and Rescue where his duties included RAVEN, the Extradition Program, Local Emergency Planning Committee and the State Search and Rescue Board. As the SAR Coordinator, Pedersen had the opportunity to work a variety of special events and emergencies to include the 100 year snow storm / flood and numerous wildland fires.

Pedersen was reassigned to Incline Patrol in 2007 where he will remain as a Lieutenant.

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