

## Bend Interim Police Chief appointed

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Eric King, Bend's Interim City Manager, this week announced the appointment of Sandi Baxter as the interim Police Chief for the Bend Police Department.

Baxter will begin working intermittently in January to begin the transition of Police Chief Andy Jordan vacating his position on March 31. Baxter will officially begin her term as interim Police Chief on April 1. She brings to this position an extensive and diverse background in public safety and in supervision and management. King stated that the appointment of the permanent Police Chief will be the responsibility of the new City Manager.

Baxter began her public safety career as a part-time police reserve with the City of Bend in 1977, and became a full-time Bend police officer in 1979. In June of 1995 she was promoted to sergeant; in February 2001, to lieutenant; and in September 2003, Captain. She retired in September 2007. Police Chief since 1999, Jordan announced on January 12 that his retirement would become effective March 31, 2008. The department accomplished many goals under his leadership, including:

- The Police Department was certified as an Accredited Police Agency.
- The construction of a new police facility (2003) and the current additional facility construction underway.
- Managed the large growth in the size of the police department.
- Managed the increased calls as Bend's population grew.
- Recognition of Bend Police staff at both local and state levels.
- Improved relationships with outside government agencies.
- Influenced statewide decision-making through participation on key boards and committees.

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