County Selects New Director Of 9-1-1 Service District

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Redmond Police Chief Lane Roberts has been selected to become the new director of the Deschutes County 9-1-1 Service District, Bend City Police Chief Andy Jordan announced this week.

According to Jordan, the 9-1-1 Service District has been actively recruiting a new director for more than nine months. The process involved an application and screening by Bob Murray and Associates, an executive search firm who assisted in the hiring of a new County Administrator. Potential candidates were interviewed by a hiring committee comprised of members of the 9-1-1 User Board.

Lane Roberts On August 15, the Executive Board of the 9-1-1 Service District authorized Jordan to extend a tentative job offer to Redmond Police Chief Lane Roberts, who gave his tentative acceptance to the offer. Final acceptance of the position (which has a pay range scale of \$68,000 - \$91,512 annually) will not occur until a final contract is agreed upon and approved by Deschutes County.

Chief Roberts brings 35 years of law enforcement and public safety experience to the position, said Jordan. Chief Roberts holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration and an Executive Certificate from the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training. Chief Roberts is a member of the Redmond Rotary Club and remains active in community service. He is also a former President of the Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police.

Since the resignation of the last Director, the duties of that position were assumed by Bend Fire Deputy Chief Don Jenson, and currently Deschutes County Undersheriff Larry Blanton. Both of these interim directors were on loan from their respective departments.

The Deschutes County 9-1-1 Service District is responsible for the answering of all 9-1-1 calls and the dispatching of all public safety agencies in Deschutes County. It is supported in part by telephone and cell phone taxes plus a district levy.

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