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The City of Morro Bay is very pleased to announce the appointment of Amy Christey as the City's new Chief of Police.

As part of a state-wide search that began in the Spring of 2012, Ms. Christey was one of 66 applicants for the City's Chief of Police position. Amy distinguished herself as a top candidate after a rigorous interview process which included interviews with local law enforcement professionals, community members, City employees and government officials.

Amy comes to Morro Bay with over 20 years of experience with the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Department, currently holding the position of Lieutenant. Ms. Christey has performed a number of duties with the Santa Cruz Sheriff's Department which have prepared her for the position of Chief of Police. Of particular note was her service to the unincorporated town of Aptos, where she was the lone supervisor overseeing their Law Enforcement Service Center, serving 24,000 residents and over 600 businesses. Ms. Christey has also forged a number of very successful partnerships with other law enforcement agencies including the cities of Santa Cruz, Capitola, Watsonville and Scotts Valley as well as the University of California at Santa Cruz Police

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Department, California State Parks and California Highway Patrol. She currently serves as the Sheriff's Bomb Team Commander, providing regional training and emergency services to all cities within Santa Cruz County. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Management from Union Institute & University and is currently attending Monterey College of Law in pursuit of her Juris Doctorate. Amy is also a graduate of the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training, Sherman Block Leadership Institute and Command College No. 47, where she was chosen for the Hank Koehn Memorial Award as most inspirational student.

Nearing the conclusion of this long selection process, City Manager Andrea Lueker stated "I am extremely impressed with Amy's credentials and believe that we have chosen the very best candidate for our new Chief of Police." Lueker further stated "I am confident that Ms. Christey will be an excellent addition to the Police Department Family, Department Head Team, and City of Morro Bay. She clearly possesses enthusiasm and a true passion for team-work and community."

On a personal note, Amy is looking forward to moving to Morro Bay where her Mother resides. She is anxious to explore Morro Bay and surrounding communities with her two dogs and surfboards in tow.

Amy Christey will be officially sworn in at the November 13, 2012 City Council meeting.