



# City of Grover Beach

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## City of Grover Beach Appoints Chief of Police

GROVER BEACH, CA — City Manager Robert Perrault announced the appointment of John Peters as Chief of the Grover Beach Police Department, following a broad West Coast-based search to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of long-time Police Chief James Copsey in December.

Chief Peters was selected from a competitive pool of candidates following an in-depth and rigorous interview process. This process involved an initial screening and subsequent interviews by two panels. The first panel was composed of community members, and the second was made up of law enforcement professionals. *“At the end of the panel interviews, it was clear Chief Peters stood head and shoulders above the rest. This ranking was borne out with my personal interview with John. I was impressed not only with his qualifications but with his thoughtful insights, communication skills, integrity, and leadership style. It was this combination of traits that made him my top choice for the job,”* said City Manager Perrault. Perrault indicated he kept the Council informed throughout the process. Peters is expected to begin work as the Chief of Police on June 1, 2015.

A law enforcement veteran with 21 years of experience, Peters is currently a Police Commander for the City of Grover Beach. Prior to joining the Grover Beach Police Department as an Officer in 2006, Peters began his career in 1994 in Massachusetts before transferring to Kansas and then California in 2001. *“I look forward to continuing my service to the community of Grover Beach as the next Police Chief. Our Police Department is staffed with excellent individuals and, as we have during Chief Copsey’s tenure, will continue our dedication towards achieving many more successes in public safety services.”*

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