



## **New Police Chief**



**SeaTac, WA (July 19, 2019)** – Captain Jon Mattsen has been named as the new SeaTac Police Chief by City Manager Carl Cole. Mattsen has been serving as interim Chief for the City of just over 29,000 residents since December of 2018.

“Mattsen embodies the blend of traits and characteristics that make him the best fit for this position,” says Cole. “Mattsen has unequivocally demonstrated the professional and personal qualities I am looking for, and he has earned the support and respect of the SeaTac City Council, City staff and the SeaTac community.”

The City of SeaTac has an Interlocal Agreement with King County to contract with the King County Sheriff’s Office (KCSO) for law enforcement services.

Mattsen began his 30-year career with the King County Sheriff’s Office in November of 1989. Since starting with the agency, he rose through the ranks to become a Detective in both the Major Crimes Unit and Special Assault Unit. He was also a Lead Detective and interviewer for the Green River Homicides Investigation.

In May of 2006, Mattsen began as a Sergeant for the City of SeaTac Police Department. Within three years, Mattsen was promoted to Detective Sergeant for the KCSO, which included supervising several specialty units such as Criminal Intelligence and Street Crimes. In March of 2017, Mattsen was promoted to Captain of the 58-member Sound Transit Unit. In June of 2018, Mattsen was named Assistant Chief of the City of SeaTac Police Department. As Assistant Chief, Mattsen was the commander of a staff of 45 overseeing both administration and operations.

In 1995, Mattsen graduated from Pierce College with an Associated in Arts and Science degree, focusing on Criminal Justice. Post-graduation, Mattsen has received certificates in Middle Management and 1<sup>st</sup> Level Supervision along with 1,900 plus hours of post-Academy training in various law enforcement disciplines.

Mattsen is a Board Member of the S.H.E.R.I.F.F. Fund and a member of the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs. Mattsen also served as Secretary/Treasurer for the Puget Sound Police Manager’s Association. In addition, Mattsen received the Police/Sheriff’s Medal Award, Commander’s Award and the Life Saver Award from the King County Sheriff’s Office.

***About the City of SeaTac:***

*Incorporated in February 1990, the City of SeaTac is located approximately midway between the cities of Seattle and Tacoma. The City of SeaTac is 10 square miles in area and has a population of 29,130\*. The City is a vibrant community, economically strong, environmentally sensitive, and people-oriented. The City boundaries surround the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, (approximately three-square miles in area) which is owned and operated by the Port of Seattle.*

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