



Press Statement

October 8, 2021

Brian O'Malley, former Lewiston Police Chief, has been appointed as the City's Deputy City Administrator. Serving as the Interim Deputy since July 2021, he was sworn into his new role by Deputy City Clerk Kelly Brooks on October 7, 2021. O'Malley has served with the Lewiston Police Department for over 31 years, beginning as a patrol officer and progressing to Detective, Sergeant, Deputy Chief, and then Chief in 2017.

In his new role, O'Malley will work closely with the Mayor, City Council, and City Administrator; serve as the City's Freedom of Information Officer; work closely with the Human Resources Director; serve as Chief Labor Relations Negotiator; oversee the City's special events process; and directly supervise the City's Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion.

City Administrator Heather Hunter noted, *"Brian brings an in-depth public safety background, union experience, and strategic leadership qualities to the Administration team."*

O'Malley indeed comes to the new position with vast public service experience to include introducing several ongoing initiatives at the Lewiston Police Department. He implemented a crisis support team and related policies; expanded training on the use of force, equity, and diversity; and launched the City Spirit Program in 2018, a Department of Justice Program that brings together diverse community leaders, city and county officials, law enforcement, ministerial figures, and other community leadership to identify and analyze issues impacting the community and to work together towards solutions. He has also been involved with the negotiation of labor contracts as both a union member and as a department head.

Deputy City Administrator O'Malley notes, *"I look forward to serving the City of Lewiston and its residents in this new capacity as Lewiston moves forward with vision and opportunities for all."*

Upon reflecting on his transition from police chief, O'Malley shared his sentiments with police personnel, *"I want to thank all of you for your dedication and hard work for the City. I leave the department with the knowledge that the officers and civilian employees of the Lewiston Police Department are an outstanding staff and provide the highest quality of service. It has been a privilege to serve as your chief."*

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