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**Public Statement from Josue Salmeron, Village Manager regarding appointment of Acting Chief of Police**

Yellow Springs, OH, November 12, 2021, Effective Friday, November 12, 2021, Sergeant Paige Burge has been appointed Acting Chief of Police. She now carries all duties, responsibilities and authority given to the Village's Police Chief. Paige will serve as Acting Chief until a new full-time Chief is named.

This appointment is necessary as Chief Carlson's last day is today, November 12, 2021. I had hoped to appoint a new Chief by the time Chief Carlson departed the organization, but commitment to a thorough process has extended that timeline. The Citizen Advisory group leading the search for Police Chief will continue its work to identify candidates who best fit the Vision and Values of policing in the Village of Yellow Springs.

Paige Burge, has served as Sergeant with the Yellow Springs Police Department since August of 2021 since joining the department as a Patrol Officer in early 2019. Her prior experience includes 10 years in the private sector with focus on asset protection across 27 locations. During her tenure with the Village of Yellow Springs, Paige has demonstrated an exemplary work ethic, a commitment to community engagement, and responsive and engaged leadership, as both Patrol Officer and Sergeant.

Paige, a Fairborn, OH, resident proudly identifies as a wife, daughter, pet parent, an Aunt, a woman, a member of the LGBTQA+ community and an individual who recognizes that every interactions with this department matters, and that we must treat all people with the respect we afford our own family members.

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