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****PRESS RELEASE****WALLA WALLA POLICE DEPT***

Newest Police Officer Starts With Over 7 Years Experience

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Luke Watson became the newest member of the Walla Walla Police Department last night, after being sworn in at a ceremony in the Fulton Community Room. With his wife by his side, Watson received the oath from Mayor Jerry Cummins.

Watson had spent over 7 years as a Deputy with the Walla Walla Sheriff's Office before applying to the police department. Watson was hired to fill the vacancy created when Jeremy Pellicer left to take a position with the Pasco Police Department last November.

"We are thrilled to have Luke join the Police Department. He grew up and attended schools in Walla Walla, and brings with him a wealth of experience and knowledge of the area," stated Chief Scott Bieber.



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