



# News Release

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## Sheriff's Lieutenant made statewide Basic Law Enforcement Academy Commander

OLYMPIA -- Lt. Debbie Mealy of the Thurston County Sheriff's Office has been promoted to the position of Basic Law Enforcement Academy Commander at the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission.

Lt. Mealy had previously been the Assistant Academy Commander, but upon the current commanders return to his agency the Criminal Justice Training Commission has made the decision to promote Lt. Mealy to Academy Commander. Lt Mealy is a 12 year veteran of the Sheriff's Office and has been at the Academy since December of 2006. Her previous assignments include Patrol, D.A.R.E. and Training Sergeant with the Sheriff's Office.

This is a coveted position within the Criminal Justice Training Commission's Basic Law Enforcement Academy. As the Academy Commander Lt. Mealy will be in overall charge of the Basic Law Enforcement Academy, its cadre of instructors, the new curriculum and the selection of applicants to the academy. Her selection to this position is a testament to her leadership and knowledge in this field.

Please welcome Sheriff Kimball in congratulating Lt. Mealy on her promotion. We are confident that she will be an outstanding commander and that the quality of the Law Enforcement officers that graduate from her programs will be become outstanding professionals.

Chief Criminal Deputy Jim Chamberlain