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## **POLICE CHAPLAIN SWEAR-IN CEREMONY**

### *Public Announcement*

**Casper, Wyoming (March 23, 2017)** – The Casper Police Department will conduct a Police Chaplain Swear-In Ceremony for Chaplain Wes Gudahl on March 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am at The Highland Park Community Church. This event is free and open to all community members and media personnel.

The Department's Chaplain Program, along with an associated Police Ministry Support Program, provides assistance and spiritual support services to Department personnel, especially those first responders who face the daily challenges, rigors, and demands of a law enforcement career. This program is one component of a broader Department health and wellness initiative to implement a first responder-specific Employee Assistance Program (EAP) and associated Peer Support Program to address the mental and emotional health needs of Department members.

Chaplain Gudahl, a retired Casper Police Detective and ordained minister, will voluntarily run the Chaplain Program. The Department is proud and honored to have Chaplain Gudahl leading this vital, voluntary program.

Recruiting, retaining, and providing health and wellness initiatives for our employees remains a Department priority. The challenges and demands placed on our force, especially those who serve an entire career, require that we provide for the welfare of our force. The Department, through the development and initiation of programs like these, and through critical community support, must ensure the long-term physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual support our first responders.

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