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City of LaGrange Employee Honored for 25 Years of Service

LaGrange, Ga. November 30, 2020– The City of LaGrange is honoring LaGrange Police Lt. Eric Lohr for his dedicated 25 years of service.



LPD Lt. Eric Lohr was honored for 25 years of service at the LaGrange City Council meeting November 24th

Lohr received his 25-year service pin at the LaGrange City Council meeting Tuesday (11/24) night. His wife Christa was by his side.

“Lt. Lohr’s history of engagement and commitment to our community is reflected in his involvement with numerous important programs and initiatives,” said LPD Chief Lou Dekmar. “From domestic violence to citizen response to active shooters and use of force and community engagement, Lt. Lohr is always looking for ways to improve our agency. He is a true asset to the LaGrange Police Department.”

He was hired as a patrol officer on November 27, 1995 and completed his Field Training Officer (FTO) Program on May 31, 1996. April 15, 1998 he was promoted to Detective and transferred to the Criminal Investigations Division with emphasis placed on domestic violence investigations.

On January 1, 2005, Sgt. Lohr was transferred from Investigations to the Patrol Division, assigned as the shift Sergeant for A Squad.

In May, 2006, he graduated from Columbus State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He was also promoted to Lieutenant and transferred from A Squad to serve as one of the Patrol Division's Administrative Lieutenants. In August of 2007, he was transferred from Patrol to Criminal Investigations, responsible for both CIS and SIU daily operations.

In June of 2008, Lt. Lohr transferred again from CIS to Patrol, resuming the responsibilities of supervising four patrol squad sergeants.

August 16, 2010, Lt. Lohr transferred from Patrol to the Training Division where he assumed responsibility for coordinating all mandatory training for agency personnel.

In December, 2010, Eric graduated from the Georgia Command College at Columbus State University, having earned his Master's Degree in Public Administration.

In 2016, he spearheaded efforts to transition from presenting the DARE program to the LEAD Program within our public school system. The Law Enforcement Against Drugs program expanded the topical areas of instruction delivered to the school youth including bullying and gang intervention.



Pictured from left to right. Back row: Mayor Pro Tem Nathan Gaskin, Councilmember Tom Gore, Councilmember Mark Mitchell, Councilmember LeGree McCamey, Councilmember Jim Arrington & Councilmember Willie T. Edmondson. Front row: LPD Chief Lou Dekmar, Christa Lohr, Lt. Eric Lohr & Mayor Jim Thornton.

Lt. Lohr's focus continually remains on the members of the LaGrange Police Department. Historically, Lt. Lohr has met with family members of recruits prior to the recruits going to the academy as a means to welcome them as part of the LPD family. As part of that, Lt. Lohr provides training related to the challenges of law enforcement. He enhanced that training this year by seeking out an expert in the field of emotional support for law enforcement who did a "train the trainer" class for Lt. Lohr and other officers. Lt. Lohr has since began providing that training to the recruit officers and their families.

In May, 2020, Lt. Lohr transferred from Training to the Patrol Division, serving now as the Division's Operational Lieutenant responsible for all aspects of the divisions operations.

"What we have done with the LaGrange Police Department in the past twenty-five years is truly amazing," said Lohr. "I'm honored to be a part of the LPD family and I thank Chief Dekmar, Capt. Mike Pheil and everyone for the opportunity to be here."

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