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Shenandoah PD announces promotions

SHENANDOAH, TEXAS. May 10, 2017. On May 9 Shenandoah Police Chief Raymond Shaw announced two personnel changes in the department effective May 15.

“After going through numerous cases, interviewing people, and filing warrants at the District Attorney’s Office as a test, Sergeant Joel Gordon will be promoted to the position of Sergeant Detective,” announced Shaw. “Sergeant Detective Gordon will bring years of knowledge and experience to the position.”

Gordon was employed for 12 years with the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office in the jail, patrol and criminal investigations divisions. He also served as the Crime Prevention Officer, Citizens Academy Coordinator and the Crime Stoppers Coordinator. Gordon has been with the Shenandoah Police Department for the past 10 years and has served as patrol officer, community resource officer and patrol sergeant. A Master Peace Officer, Gordon received the FBI LEEDA Leadership Trilogy award and is a member of the Texas Police Chief’s Association and the Developing Future Leaders for Texas Law Enforcement program.

The second personnel announcement was the result of recent sergeant’s testing. Four personnel took the rigorous test to fill the available spot.

“Shenandoah Police Officer Courtney Pullen has been promoted to the position of Patrol Sergeant,” said Shaw. “Sergeant Pullen’s experience and knowledge will make a difference in one of the most strenuous jobs in law enforcement.”

A graduate of Sam Houston State University with a degree in criminal justice, Pullen became interested in law enforcement after an internship with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department's crime lab division. She then attended the police academy at the University of Houston – Downtown where she graduated in 2005. She was hired as a jailer for MCSO in 2006 and left there in 2007 to begin her career as a police officer in the Deer Park Police Department. Pullen joined the Shenandoah Police Department in 2012 as a patrol officer. A Master Peace Officer, she brings 10 years of training and experience to the department, two years in crime scene investigation as well as a year on a DWI Task Force. She currently serves the department as a field training officer.

City Administrator Greg Smith said the two internal promotions show the city's commitment to growing leaders in the city. "We are committed to providing training and growth opportunities for employees, enabling them to grow successfully and to advance further when higher position openings arise."

The City of Shenandoah congratulates both employees on their promotions and dedication to the residents of Shenandoah as SPD officers.



Sergeant Detective Joel Gordon



Sergeant Courtney Pullen

CORRECTION: Gordon was mentioned in the original story as a Navy veteran. His son is in the Navy. I apologize for the error.