



## City of Fond du Lac Police Department

### Promotions and Newly Appointed Police Officers Announced



**Lieutenant Michael Noble**  
**Detective Kristina Meilahn**  
**Officer Ryan Biffert**  
**Officer Dustin Hodgson**  
**Officer Brooke Mathes**

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The City of Fond du Lac Police Department is announcing the promotions of two members of the Department and the appointment of three new Police Officers who have now successfully completed the Department's field training program.

#### Promotions

Police Officer Michael Noble has been promoted to Lieutenant and School Resource Officer Kristina Meilahn has been promoted to Detective.

Lieutenant Michael Noble is a 7-year veteran Police Officer of the City of Fond du Lac Police Department. He was hired by the Department as a Police Officer in 2012 and has been assigned to the Patrol Division since that time. However, his service to our Department and our City began in 2010 when he joined our (volunteer) Auxiliary Police Unit. Then, in 2011 he was hired as a Community Service Officer (CSO) and worked in that capacity until 2012 when he was hired as a Police Officer. In addition to his regular duties as a Police Officer, during his tenure with the Department, he has also taken on a number of additional responsibilities and duties critical in helping our Department execute our mission. Specifically, he has been appointed to serve as a member of our SWAT Team, as a Field Training Officer, a member of our Domestic Violence Intervention Team, Sex Offender Compliance Team, and on the Drug Endangered Children Team.

In 2012 Lieutenant Noble earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice and a Minor in Homeland Security from Marian University.

In addition to serving the City of Fond du Lac, he has also served as a Volunteer Firefighter for the Van Dyne Fire Department since 2012.

Lieutenant Noble has been assigned to the Patrol Division as a West District/Night Shift Supervisor.

*“By anyone’s standards, Lieutenant Noble has amassed an impressive resume of accomplishments and additional duties that he has volunteered to take on in a seven year tenure as a Police Officer with our Department. During his time with us, Lieutenant Noble has shown great dedication to our Department, our mission, and the community we serve. We know that he’ll bring that same level of commitment and dedication to his new role and that he’ll be an excellent addition to our leadership team.”*

*Chief William Lamb*

Detective Kristina Meilahn is an 11-year veteran of the City of Fond du Lac Police Department. She was hired by the Department in January 2009 as a Police Officer and spent 5 ½ years assigned to the Patrol Division. In 2014 she was selected for assignment as a School Resource Officer and has been assigned to Fondy High since that time.

During her tenure with the Department, she has also taken on a number of additional responsibilities and duties critical in helping our Department execute our mission. Specifically, she has served as a member of the SWAT Team as a Crisis Negotiator for the past 6 years, and had previously served as a member of both the Sex Offender Compliance Team and Domestic Violence Intervention Team.

Detective Meilahn earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice and Biology from the University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh in 2006.

Prior to beginning a career in law enforcement, Detective Meilahn worked for the Lomira School District for 2 years and CESA 6 for 4 years, working with special needs and EBD students.

*“In the nearly 8 ½ years that I’ve worked with Detective Meilahn I have always been extremely impressed with her work as a Police Officer, but in particular with her commitment and expertise in helping people in need, individuals in crisis, and at-risk children and young adults. That very special skill set as a Police Officer has been particularly evident in her work as one of our School Resource Officers for the past 5 years, and it will make her an excellent addition to our Detective Bureau.”*

*Chief William Lamb*

## Newly Appointed Police Officers

The newly appointed Police Officers that have now successfully completed the Department's Field Training program are Police Officers Ryan Biffert, Dustin Hodgson, and Brooke Mathes.

Officer Ryan Biffert began working with the City of Fond du Lac Police Department in 2016 as a Community Service Officer (CSO). In 2019, he was hired as a Police Officer and has now successfully graduated from both the Wisconsin Department of Justice – Law Enforcement Officer Basic Recruit Academy and the Police Department's intensive 17-week Field Training program. In 2018, Officer Biffert earned a Bachelor's Degree with a double major in Criminal Justice and Homeland Security at Marian University of Fond du Lac, WI. Officer Biffert has been assigned to the Patrol Division as an East District/Night Shift patrol officer.

Officer Dustin Hodgson began working with the City of Fond du Lac Police Department in 2018 as a CSO. In 2019, he was hired as a Police Officer and has now successfully graduated from both the Wisconsin Department of Justice – Law Enforcement Officer Basic Recruit Academy and the Police Department's intensive 17-week Field Training program. Officer Hodgson earned a Bachelor's Degree in Exercise and Sport Science in 2018 from Marian University of Fond du Lac, WI. Officer Hodgson has been assigned to the Patrol Division as a West District/Night Shift patrol officer.

Officer Brooke Mathes began working with the City of Fond du Lac Police Department in 2016 as a CSO. Prior to being hired as a CSO, at the age of 14 she joined the Department's 'Police Explorers' program. In 2019 she was hired as a Police Officer and has now successfully graduated from both the Wisconsin Department of Justice – Law Enforcement Officer Basic Recruit Academy and the Police Department's intensive 17 week Field Training program. Officer Mathes earned an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton, WI in 2018. Officer Mathes has been assigned to the Patrol Division as a West District/Second Shift patrol officer.

## Pinning Ceremony

A 'Pinning Ceremony' will be held for all of the newly promoted and hired members of the Department at 1PM on December 3, 2019. The ceremony will be held at the City of Fond du Lac Police Department. A pinning ceremony is a long-standing law enforcement tradition used to officially commemorate an individual's appointment as a Police Officer as well as promotions throughout their career.

The ceremony is open to the public for anyone that wants to meet the newest City of Fond du Lac Police Officers, our newest Detective and the newest member of our leadership team.