

CHP names new commander for Crescent City office

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The California Highway Patrol announced the appointment of Lieutenant Commander Pete Roach to head up the local Crescent City area office, effective March 1.

The 18-year CHP veteran replaces newly-promoted Captain Larry Depee, who oversees operations in greater Humboldt County.

Roach was formally assigned to Crescent City in 2015 when he promoted to sergeant. Besides the local assignment, Roach has served the CHP in Oakland, Trinity River (Weaverville), investigative services (ISU) and Burnie/Redding office before taking the helm at the Crescent City office.

Before joining the CHP, Roach played professional baseball as a pitcher in both the Giants and Dodger organizations, reaching the AAA level in Albuquerque.

Roach shared with the public his observation of a much larger pedestrian population since he has returned to Del Norte County and cautioned drivers to be more vigilant in being aware of this dynamic. Roach underscored the challenge of officer recruitment.

“Recruitment remains a top priority for the California Highway Patrol,” he said. “We’ll be conducting job fairs and visiting area schools talking to kids about our Agency and programs. The CHP plans to host a booth at the Del Norte County Fair.”

“The CHP is all about public safety and saving lives,” Roach added.

The CHP office is located at 1630 Summer Lane across from Walmart.