



FIRCREST POLICE CHIEF



MEET THE CANDIDATES



Victor Celis brings 28 years of law enforcement experience and is currently serving with the Tacoma Police Department. His prior roles include Sergeant with the Fircrest Police Department and Police Chief for the City of Ruston, along with service in the Lakewood and Des Moines Police Departments. Earlier in his career, he served as a King County Reserve Sheriff's Deputy and as a Police/Fire Dispatcher with Valley Communications. A U.S. Navy veteran, he holds an associate degree from Shoreline Community College, has completed FBI Leadership Management training, and holds a Middle Management Supervision Certification from the WA Criminal Training Commission. He is experienced in operations, training, peer support, traffic enforcement, undercover operations, officer development, and community engagement.



Curtis Seevers has served with the Pierce County Sheriff's Office for 27 years, where he is currently a Sergeant and training supervisor. He has experience in the Corrections, Patrol, and Administration Bureaus, with a career that has spanned the communities of University Place, Parkland, and Spanaway, as well as serving as the Interim Chief in Edgewood. A veteran of the Washington Army National Guard, he attended the University of North Dakota and holds a First Level Supervision Certification from the Washington Criminal Justice Training Commission. He has training in criminal investigations, public information, leadership development, and crisis response. He is also a licensed real estate broker and a commercial drone pilot, and he serves on the PC Sheriff's Office advisory group for the South Sound 911 systems implementation team.



Tom Yabe has served as the Chief of Police for the past five years in the Town of Steilacoom, where he has spent his entire 19-year law enforcement career. He also serves as the Town's Emergency Management Director. A United States Marine Corps veteran, he holds a bachelor's degree in Law and Justice from Central Washington University and is finishing his master's degree in Public Safety through the University of Virginia. He is a graduate of the Senior Management Institute for Police and the FBI National Academy and holds certifications in criminal investigations and as a use-of-force instructor. He also serves on the Pierce County Type 3 All-Hazard Incident Management Team, the Pierce County Behavioral Health Advisory Board, and on the Executive Board of the Pierce County Police Chiefs' Association.