

**CITY OF CYPRESS POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**PRESS RELEASE**

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## **Cypress Police Swear in Two New Police Officers**

Two new Cypress police officers will be introduced and sworn in before the Cypress City Council at their regularly scheduled Council meeting on Monday, March 8, 2010, at 7 p.m. Officer Philip Lee and Officer Christopher Kim will start their new careers on the same day.

The two officers competitively tested amongst over 200 applicants for only two positions. The testing process consisted of an oral interview, complete background investigation, polygraph, psychological and medical examinations, and a Chief's interview. Both officers were already academy-trained and ready for duty. Chief Mark Yokoyama said, "We were looking for the best of the best and we found that in both Mr. Lee and Mr. Kim. We are very excited to bring the two officers on board into our Cypress Police Department family and to the Cypress community."

Officer Philip Lee is a native of California, born in Los Angeles and fluent in the Korean language. Officer Lee is a graduate of Christbridge Academy in Azusa, California, and is a 2009 graduate of the Rio Hondo Basic Police Academy. Officer Lee served in the United States Army, and participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom charged with maintaining security of U.S. facilities. While in the military, Mr. Lee received numerous awards and achievement medals for his dedicated service.

Christopher "Chris" Ki-Seug Kim was born in Seoul, Korea. He and his family came to the United States when Christopher was only one-year old; he later obtained U.S. Citizenship in 2002. Officer Kim is a graduate of Sunny Hills High School in Fullerton, California, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Riverside, and is a recent graduate of the Rio Hondo Basic Police Academy. Officer Kim's interest in law enforcement was influenced by both of his grandfathers – one was a military police officer in Korea, and the other was a municipal police officer in Seoul, Korea. Prior to joining us, Officer Kim served as a tutor for an elementary school and was a teacher for a church youth group. Officer Kim also is fluent in the Korean language.

The public and media are encouraged to join the Council, City management and police department staff including the new officers at the Council meeting to welcome them to the police department.



Officer Philip Lee



Officer Christopher Kim

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