

CITY OF LAGO VISTA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Lago Vista Police Department Announces Promotion of Two Officers to Patrol Sergeant

LAGO VISTA, Texas - April 7, 2025 – The Lago Vista Police Department is pleased to announce the promotion of Officers Sylvia Arnold and Camilla Peralta to the rank of Patrol Sergeant, effective March 29, 2025. The officers were formally recognized at a promotional ceremony held on April 7, 2025, at the Lago Vista Police Department.

The selection process for these prestigious positions was highly competitive and comprehensive, involving stringent eligibility criteria, letters of recommendation, a thorough evaluation of past performance, a detailed leadership writing assignment, and an in-depth interview. The interview panel comprised command-level officers from the Lago Vista Police Department, as well as representatives from the Jonestown, Lampasas, and Marble Falls Police Departments.

Sergeant Sylvia Arnold brings over five years of law enforcement experience, primarily with the Lago Vista Police Department, complemented by a brief tenure with the Jonestown Police Department. Prior to her career in policing, Arnold amassed significant experience in corrections. Within the Lago Vista Police Department, she has recently served as a Field Training Officer. Sergeant Arnold holds an Intermediate Peace Officer Certification from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. Commenting on her promotion, Sergeant Arnold remarked, “I’m honored to step into the role of Patrol Sergeant and committed to leading with integrity, supporting my team, and building trust within the community we serve.”

Sergeant Camilla Peralta possesses more than six years of law enforcement experience, gained through her service with the Cedar Park and Lago Vista Police Departments. Additionally, she has substantial expertise as a law enforcement telecommunicator. With a deep commitment to mental health advocacy, Sergeant Peralta has previously served as a crisis negotiator. She holds an Advanced Peace Officer Certification from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement and is currently pursuing a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice. Reflecting on her new role, Sergeant Peralta stated, “Being promoted to Sergeant is both an incredible honor and a great responsibility that I wholeheartedly embrace. However, this promotion is not just about me - it’s a milestone that reflects the guidance, support, and teamwork of those around me. Leadership is about service, and I look forward to mentoring others, upholding our department’s values, and continuing to grow alongside my team. I am deeply grateful for this opportunity and ready to serve my department and community in this new role with integrity, leadership, & dedication.”

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The promotional ceremony on April 7, 2025, was attended by the sergeants' families, colleagues, and city officials. This milestone marks a historic moment for the Lago Vista Police Department, as Sergeants Arnold and Peralta become the first women to serve as Patrol Sergeants in the agency's 40-year history.

Chief of Police Gary Boshears expressed his pride in the newly promoted officers, stating, "I am immensely proud of both Sylvia and Camilla. They excelled throughout a rigorous selection process, demonstrating exceptional qualities that made them standout candidates. Their promotion is well-deserved, and I eagerly anticipate the leadership and contributions they will bring to our department."

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