

## LM 38 History & Culture Day Speaker Bios

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### **Paige Judnich – Cascadia Management Group**

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Paige joined the Cascadia Management team as a Senior Consultant in 2020 to provide ad hoc HR support in partnership with the rest of the Cascadia team. Paige offers almost a decade in corporate Human Resources and Talent Acquisition. Her specialties include HR leadership training, HR infrastructure development and support, employee relations, and culture building.

Starting with her Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies from the University of Puget Sound, Paige has always had a passion for effective and productive communication in the workplace. She provides expert guidance through difficult situations and offers accessible frameworks for her clients to use for future situations.

Paige has provided HR support to Montana businesses since 2003 and is proud to raise her two daughters with her husband in Missoula.

When Paige isn't supporting clients; she can be found running her two kids around town, substitute teaching, walking her dog around the neighborhood, or coordinating her church's youth group

### **Jake Rosling, Missoula Assistant Chief of Police – Missoula Police Department**

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I am a native of Libby, Mt. A graduate of the University of Montana, the FBI National Academy and Leadership Missoula 32. While at the MPD, I have served as an FTO, on the EOD team, spent five years in detectives and been Captain of both the Patrol and Detectives Divisions.

I have a wife and three adult children as well as two great grandkids.

**What Podcasts are you currently listening to?** Joe Rogan, the Rewatchables, the Draft Show

**What book(s) are you currently reading?** Breaking Blue by Timothy Egon

**Please list any volunteer opportunities within your organization or those you serve that may be available.**  
MPD Volunteer Program

### **Jeremy Meeder – Missoula Police Department**

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I have been very fortunate to have started my career with Missoula County Sheriff's Office and have served the residents and visitors in Missoula County for over 30 years. I started as a cadet, then served as a Reserve Deputy until I landed my first permanent, full-time position at the Detention Center. After serving four years at the Detention Center, I applied and was hired as a Deputy.

Throughout my career I have served in a variety of positions including Field Training Officer, training new hires, Patrol Sergeant, Lieutenant in the Detective Division, Patrol Lieutenant, Training Lieutenant, Special Teams Lieutenant, K9 Supervisor, and finally in my current role as Undersheriff.

I was fortunate to be given the opportunity to specialize in multiple disciplines. I served, for several years, as a Bomb Technician and worked my way up to the position of Bomb Commander for Western Montana. I participated as a Dive Team Member for 10 years and also filled the role as the Primary Firearms Instructor for 15 years.

Beyond my roles in public service I have taken advantage of many outdoor activities our area has to offer in all seasons with my wife and children.

## **Gordy Hughes, Fire Chief – Missoula Fire Department**

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I began my career with the Missoula Fire Department on August 2, 1993, after spending 4+ years in the U.S. Coast Guard. I spent 13 years in the Operations Division with the department responding to emergencies on the “big red trucks”. From there I spent 10 years in the fire prevention bureau as a Fire Inspector and the Fire Marshal. I was promoted to the position of Assistant Fire Chief in 2017 and ultimately Fire Chief 2022.

I hold the position of President for the Goodan/Keil water district.

I was on the Missoula City Public Arts Committee.

**What book(s) are you currently reading?** Colin Powell, Brene Brown

**What book(s) are you currently reading?** None at this time

**What book(s) are you currently reading?** The Bible in a year

## **Donna Townsley, Missoula 911 Assistant Manager – Missoula County 911**

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I started w/ Missoula 911 on 1/3/1989 as a call taker/dispatcher. I worked approx. 10 years and was promoted to a “Lead” position. After 13 years, I moved to the Fort Worth area of Texas and dispatched there for 10 years.

I moved back home to Missoula and went back to work at Missoula 911 for another 6 years. I left dispatching for some years but when the Assistant Manager position came up, I accepted the position and have been back with Missoula 911 as the Assistant Manager for the past 1 ½ years.

I am heavily involved in the recruitment and training of new dispatchers. I love what I do!

**What book(s) are you currently reading?** Nate Griesse, Missoula PD

**What book(s) are you currently reading?** I don’t listen to Podcasts. I was inspired once by a Ted Talk that was about what kind of leader you want to be, however I can’t remember the name of the Ted Talk.

**What book(s) are you currently reading?** Kingdom of Ash by Sarah Maas (book 7 in Throne of Glass series).

## **Lowell Hochhalter, Founder/Director – The Lifeguard Group**

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Lowell Hochhalter is the Founder and Director of THE LIFEGUARD GROUP, an organization that has mandated itself to combat human trafficking and see it come to an end by providing awareness to groups and organizations, responding to those who are in need of rescue and help, restoring those who desire to be free and reviving a sense of hope in our world today.

For the last 11 years Lowell has been working to counter human trafficking efforts on many levels. Lowell has provided human trafficking recognition training to Law Enforcement Agencies, First Responders, Hospitality Organizations, Probation and Parole Officers, Court Appointed Special Advocates, Healthcare Professionals, Educators and Students, in the United States and abroad.

## **Ethan Smith, Detective – Missoula Police Department**

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Detective Ethan Smith has been with the Missoula Police Department for more than 14 years. Ethan has been a detective for almost four years, after working as a police officer for 10 years. He also serves on the department's Crisis Negotiation Team and has been on the team for almost five years.

He enjoys coaching his kids' basketball, baseball and softball teams and serves on the board for the Montana Violent Crime Investigators Association, and the Big Sky Chapter of Certified Fraud Examiners.

Ethan is also studying for his Certified Financial Crimes Specialist designation.