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A statement from Surprise Interim City Manager Mark Coronado

SURPRISE, AZ (July 9, 2010) The City of Surprise is announcing that Police Chief Dan Hughes has been placed on administrative leave effective Thursday, July 8. Assistant Chief Mark Schott will be named Acting Chief. This action is the result of an ongoing process of review of Chief Hughes' administration of the department. We expect to achieve full closure on the process in the immediate future. This action is considered a personnel matter and no further comment will be made at this time.

I admire and respect all the men and women of the Surprise Police Department who provide us all with high quality public safety services. Our residents can continue to count on their outstanding commitment to the safety of our Community.