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City of Placerville Police Chief Stepping Down

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(PLACERVILLE, CA) – James M. Ortega is stepping down as Placerville’s Chief of Police effective May 13, 2020. Jim has served the City well for the past 3 years. While serving as Police Chief, James accomplished a great deal including the following:

Brought an increased awareness to PPD staff and city staff regarding a problem-solving model of policing and overall government.

Supported the importance of an employee assistance program.

Worked with various outside entities to ensure costs for additional police services are covered.

Organized an evening training session for houses of worship safety training for members of the faith community.

Obtained grant funding for additional traffic safety throughout the city including DUI check points and directed patrol.

We wish Chief Ortega the best in his future career.

These are difficult times for all of us due to the current pandemic crisis. We will work to ensure continuity in our Police Department as well as all functions of the City throughout this emergency.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Cleve Morris".

M. Cleve Morris, City Manager