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POLICE CHIEF LEONARD F. MOTY ANNOUNCEMENT OF RETIREMENT DATE

Police Chief Leonard F. Moty is announcing his retirement effective October 4, 2008.

Born and raised in Redding, Chief Moty attended local schools graduating from Shasta High School. Chief Moty earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from the University of Notre Dame and returned to Redding to begin his career in law enforcement. He decided to pursue a post-graduate degree and successfully obtained a Master's in Business Administration from the University of Southern California.

Chief Moty has been a member of the City of Redding Police Department since coming aboard as a Police Officer in 1977. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1986, to Lieutenant in 1993, and was sworn in as the new Police Chief on December 27, 2002.

Chief Moty currently leads a department of 172 employees, including 118 sworn officers and 74 non-sworn part- and full-time civilian employees, with a budget of over \$26.3 million. His main focus for the department has been to maintain the quality of life in our city by providing a safe community for our families. To accomplish this, he strongly supports the community oriented policing philosophy, which encompasses a wide variety of programs including improving the safety of our roadways and reducing crime and violence in our neighborhoods.

When he became Chief, one of the main concerns expressed by citizens was the hazardous condition of our roadways. Chief Moty made traffic enforcement one of the departments highest priorities because as the city's population began to increase, so did the number of collisions, including those causing major injuries and death. In response to this, the Traffic Collision Reduction Program was developed to improve the situation by concentrating on education, enforcement, equipment, and engineering. Today, several of our major intersections have red light enforcement cameras, and in 2007, officers issued 15,562 traffic citations and arrested over 1,000 people for driving under the influence, which is truly an accomplishment.

Declaring a zero tolerance stance on gangs and their illegal activities was another priority

addressed by Chief Moty upon assuming his new position. In order to achieve this goal, it was determined that the influx of gang members into the city of Redding, as well as Shasta County, needed to be stopped. In February 2004, Chief Moty invited every local, state and federal law enforcement agency in Shasta County to join the Redding Police Department in a collaborative effort, thus forming a new task force – the Shasta Anti-Gang Enforcement (SAGE) Unit. The operations were so successful in our area, as evidenced by the very low incidents of gang related activities being reported, that other counties expressed a great interest in our model. In August 2006, representatives from the SAGE Unit met with our eight neighboring counties and agreed to form a collaborative effort on a larger scale, the North State Anti-Gang Enforcement (NSAGE). We continue to do joint operations not only in our county but with NSAGE and throughout California, it is known that if you're a gang member, don't come to Shasta County.

Chief Moty is very proud of the department's accomplishments during his tenure, and feels that one of the major contributing factors to this is the overall positive morale of his employees. Officers continue to take a pro-active, as opposed to a re-active, approach to policing in every aspect of their daily duties from mediating neighborhood squabbles to solving complex murder investigations. There is an open-communication between patrol officers and investigators resulting in many crimes including residential burglaries, motor vehicle thefts, and robberies, being thoroughly investigated and suspects located and arrested.

"I am impressed by the quality of our employees and their commitment to public safety through providing excellent customer service. An emphasis has been placed on education, and not only do many of our current officers have a four-year degree, but those who do not are pursuing Bachelor's, as well as Master's, degrees while working full-time. I see more community involvement both on- and off-duty and feel this contributes greatly to the positive image of the department."

Chief Moty is currently the Vice Chair of the Mercy Foundation North Board of Trustees. He has been a member of the Rotary Club of Redding for over nine years and is a past board member. He also serves on the board of the Centerville Community Services District, is a past Vice President of the Shasta YMCA, is a past chair of the Leadership Redding Steering Committee, past Vice Chair of the Shasta Regional Community Foundation, and past Chair of the Mercy Medical Center Advisory Council. In addition, he has been one of the announcers for the Shasta High School weekly football games for the past 15 years.

Chief Moty's professional training and experience include obtaining his Executive Certificate from the California Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) and graduation from both the POST Command College and the FBI National Law Enforcement Academy. He currently serves on the Financial Committee of the California Police Chiefs Association, is a member of the California Peace Officers Association, the International Police Chiefs Association and the Sierra Central Police Chiefs Association.

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