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## **Cañon City Police Chief Tenders resignation**

Chief of Police Paul Schultz with the Canon City Police Department has tendered his resignation (with mixed feelings) for a new opportunity as Chief of Public Safety for the City of Fort Morgan. Chief Schultz will be in charge of Police and liaison for the Fire Department and Emergency Preparedness.

Chief Schultz's last day in Canon City will be January 6, 2017.

Chief Schultz offered the following comments;

- The Canon City Police Department is one of the finest agencies in Southern Colorado.
- We have enjoyed tremendous community support and support from the local City government.
- This year alone the CCPD has raised over \$7,000 for needy children through our Shop with a Cop Program (over \$20,000 over the past 5 years) and over 1400 meals for the Family Crisis Center.
- Serious crime continues to go down in Canon City and community support for the police department continues to increase and has reached an all-time high time in 2016 as determined by two independent surveys.

Chief Schultz said that he will greatly miss the great community support and the many personal and professional friends he has made in Canon City but the opportunity in Fort Morgan was a once in a lifetime situation and was just too good to pass.

Schultz stated, "In a way we are a victim of our success. Fort Morgan was very impressed with the Canon City Police Department and the positive interaction we have had with our community".

Chief Schultz has been Chief of Police in Canon City since 2012. Deputy Chief Allen Cooper will be the interim Chief of Police.

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