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PRESS RELEASE

On August 31, 2015, the City of Coalinga held a Community Interview Panel for the position of Police Chief. Five applicants were interviewed by the Community Panel which consisted of representatives from Coalinga-Huron Unified School District, the Chamber of Commerce, the Coalinga area California Highway Patrol office, Coalinga Regional Medical Center, and Coalinga-Huron Recreation and Parks District. Unfortunately, our representative from West Hills College was unable to attend.

The Community Panel recommended two candidates to move forward to the next phase in the selection process.

The City of Coalinga will be holding formal interviews with the two candidates on September 14, 2015.

Once a selection is made, the candidate will participate in a background investigation with a polygraph examination, a psychological evaluation, and a physical examination with a drug screen.

We anticipate the new Police Chief starting sometime in mid-October and we will be holding a "Meet the Chief" event for the public shortly thereafter.

Lieutenant Scott Ingham will remain assigned as Acting Police Chief until the new Police Chief is appointed.