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MEDIA ADVISORY

Police Shift Resources to Better Protect and Serve

Phoenix, Arizona (February 24th, 2022): Like many other law enforcement agencies nationwide, the Phoenix Police Department has been affected by staffing shortages. Over the past year, we have done everything we can to maintain our minimum patrol staffing numbers to meet the needs of our community.

In order to provide the best service possible, we have come up with a plan to reallocate resources to support patrol while keeping investigations moving forward and allowing us to maintain our specialty details and programs.

The Phoenix Police Department's number one priority is to answer calls for service when our community needs us. Currently, our response time for emergency calls is longer than we would like and longer than our community expects. At the same time, this past year, saw an increase of nearly 10% in priority one, or emergency calls. This plan was not entered into lightly. We know it has an impact on our community and the lives of our officers.

Please see the [video message from Chief Jeri Williams](#) about the department's reallocation plan.

More specific details of the plan can be found in this [document](#)

We have also prepared responses to some frequently asked questions that viewers may have about the staffing reallocation. You can view that document [here](#).

The Phoenix Police Department takes great pride in the partnership we have with our community. We thank them for their continued support.

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