

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT****ADAM CHRISTIANSON**  
Sheriff-Coroner**ADMINISTRATION  
DIVISION**

To My Family, Friends and the Community:

After 12 years of continuous elected service as your Sheriff and nearly 30 years in public safety, I have decided to retire at the end of my current term in office. Next to my wife and beautiful children, serving as your Sheriff has been the greatest experience of my life - and I will miss leading an outstanding team of law enforcement professionals.

I look forward to spending more time with my family and especially my wife Yvonne, who has patiently and forgivingly accepted all the time I spend away from home in support of the Sheriff's Office and the community we serve. This decision did not come lightly, and only after much thought, deliberation, and considering my family goals, I believe that I have made the right decision.

I have served with the Sheriff's Office since 1996 and have enjoyed every moment of it. Since being elected Sheriff in 2006, we have created one of the most successful and innovative law enforcement organizations in the central valley. Over the last 12 years, we have been able to build a stronger organization. Our Public Safety Restoration Plan, supported and funded by the Board of Supervisors is complete. We've added much needed public safety facilities, 552 new jail beds, a medical/mental health care unit, a Day Reporting Center, a new state-of-the-art Coroner's Facility and our Re-Entry and Enhanced Alternatives to Custody Training (REACT) Center.

The Sheriff's Regional Training Center is once again providing law enforcement training for new recruits along with advanced officer training and continued professional training opportunities. The Sheriff's Department is recruiting, hiring and training well qualified, well educated public safety professionals to continue protecting and serving the residents of Stanislaus County. I cannot thank the community enough for supporting the men and women who work for the Sheriff's Office

My decision to retire is also an opportune time for someone with a forward-looking vision and strong leadership background to lead your Sheriff's department to even greater heights. Patterson Police Services Chief Jeff Dirkse is that leader. I believe Chief Dirkse has the grounded principles and calm decision making abilities to become the 22nd Sheriff of Stanislaus County. As a long term resident of Stanislaus County, he graduated from Turlock High School and subsequently attended West Point where he earned a bachelor's degree. He has been married to his wife Sandi for 23 years and they have three children. They live in Denair where they farm 40 acres of almonds. Chief Dirkse has served the Sheriff's Office, our employees and the people of Stanislaus County with selfless dedication. For all of these reasons, I ask for your support of Chief Jeff Dirkse in electing him as your Sheriff in 2018.

Finally, it has been a great honor to protect and serve the people of Stanislaus County. I will be forever grateful to those we serve for giving me the opportunity to lead the Sheriff's Office and to be a part of a team that is second to none.

All the best,

Sheriff Adam E. Christianson



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