



Town of Oro Valley

## MEDIA RELEASE

11000 N. La Canada Drive | Oro Valley, AZ 85737 | [www.orovalleyaz.gov](http://www.orovalleyaz.gov)

**CONTACT: Misti Nowak**  
Communications Administrator  
desk: (520) 229-4712  
cell: (520) 808-4262  
[mnowak@orovalleyaz.gov](mailto:mnowak@orovalleyaz.gov)

### **Town Manager Greg Caton's resignation effective June 2, 2016; Police Chief Daniel Sharp to serve as interim town manager**

**Oro Valley, Arizona (April 21, 2016)** – Oro Valley Town Manager Greg Caton will work his last day on June 2, 2016, before leaving the town to serve as city manager in Grand Junction, Colorado. Caton's resignation was officially accepted at last night's council meeting, followed by the announcement that Oro Valley Police Chief Daniel Sharp would serve as interim town manager.

Caton joined the Town of Oro Valley in November 2010 as the assistant town manager. On July 1, 2011, he was named interim town manager, and on April 18, 2012, he began his tenure as the town manager. Caton has worked closely with Oro Valley Town Council to achieve its goals in the areas of leadership and communication, finance and economic development, and community infrastructure.

"It has been a pleasure working with very talented staff to implement the vision of council, and I take great pride in the work that has been accomplished over my tenure," said Caton. "Oro Valley is a wonderful community and will always be a special place for me. I greatly appreciate council's leadership and allowing me to manage and lead this great organization."

"Mr. Caton leaves a legacy of success and bold leadership, and we are grateful for his years of service and wish him well in Grand Junction," said Mayor Satish I. Hiremath. "I have full confidence that Chief Sharp will do an outstanding job of seamlessly guiding staff through this transitional period to ensure Oro Valley residents continue to receive the high quality services they expect and deserve."

At the April 13, 2016 study session, Oro Valley Town Council decided to fill the interim town manager vacancy from within the organization. After a call for letters of interest from employees, council met in executive session on April 20, 2016, discussed the opportunity and ultimately made the decision to appoint Chief Sharp interim manager.

"I am honored by the mayor and town council's support and appointment as interim town manager," said Chief Sharp. "With the town's talented staff and our commitment to serving the community, together, we will ensure a seamless transition."

As part of that transition, Mr. Caton will work closely with Chief Sharp over the next five weeks to transfer knowledge, duties and best practices.

When Sharp begins his term as interim town manager on June 3, 2016, Deputy Chief Larry Stevens will assume the position of interim police chief.

The Town of Oro Valley will now begin a lengthy process of recruitment for a permanent town manager, which can take up to eight months or longer.

## **About Daniel G. Sharp**

Daniel G. Sharp has served as Chief of Police for the Town of Oro Valley since January 2000. Prior to his appointment as Chief, Sharp spent more than 21 years with the Tucson Police Department, working in virtually every area of the department.

Chief Sharp served as an adjunct faculty member for Law Enforcement Programs at Pima Community College and as an adjunct lecturer at the University of Arizona. He is routinely requested to lecture on public policy related to Community Policing and Ethics.

Chief Sharp holds a masters degree in educational leadership and is a graduate of the 190<sup>th</sup> Session of the FBI National Academy.

In 2014 he was awarded the J. Stannard Baker Award for “outstanding lifetime contributions to highway safety,” and was named recipient of the 2013 Greater Oro Valley Chamber of Commerce Legacy Award.

He is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), appointed by the president of the IACP as a member of the IACP Highway Safety committee, as well as chairman of Traffic Incident Management Subcommittee, the Police Executive Research Forum, the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association, the HIDTA Management Subcommittee, Arizona Association of Chiefs of Police, and the FBI National Academy Associates.

Additionally, Chief Sharp is a member of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, is currently the vice-chairman of the Arizona Automobile Theft Authority Board, and the vice chairman of the Pima County Wireless Integrated Network Executive Committee Board of Directors.



###

