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DHS Police Chief Kate Singer

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Here is the full text of the e-mail sent to city employees Friday night regarding Chief Singer:

"It is with regret that I announce that Police Chief Kate Singer has decided to retire effective today. She has served the Desert Hot Springs Police Department well in various command posts, and most recently as Chief of Police since August 2012. Chief Singer has shown an affection for the community and great concern for the working conditions of her officers. She will be missed.

As she steps down, I am naming Commander Daniel Bressler to serve as Acting Police Chief, with all the authority, rights and privileges that come with the Chief position.

Bob Adams

Interim City Manager