



Perris Press Release

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Public Safety Commission Honors 15 Years of Service

The Perris Public Safety Commission said good-bye to Shawn Haughney this week as the senior member of the advisory group left the volunteer body he has served for 15 years.

Haughney's former colleagues presented him with a plaque at their most recent meeting and thanked him for his institutional knowledge and commitment to making Perris a safer community.

Rene Avila, the City's assistant director of development services and the staff liaison to the Public Safety Commission, expressed his gratitude for Haughney's "experience and expertise." "Your knowledge has been invaluable," Avila said.

Fellow commissioner Jennifer Bieger told Haughney that "it's been great working with you." Commission chairman Bob Turner said he expects Haughney to continue serving Perris residents in some capacity in the future.

Perris residents interested in joining the Public Safety Commission must complete their application by 6 p.m. on June 18 . The Perris City Council is expected to appoint Haughney's replacement at its June 25 meeting.

Haughney, in addition to his long tenure on the Public Safety Commission, is one of the original members of the Perris Citizens Patrol, a volunteer group that assists sworn officers at accident scenes, checkpoints and special events like parades.

Haughney cited two accomplishments that he is particularly proud of during his tenure on the Public Safety Commission. The commission spear-headed efforts to pass a noise-control ordinance targeting loud music and loud parties—putting Perris ahead of many of its neighboring cities.

During his tenure as a commissioner, the City also built a state-of-the-art emergency operations center, replacing an inadequate one formerly housed in the Senior Center. Haughney urged the commission to stay abreast of the latest public-safety issues in Perris and take seriously their role as advisors to the City Council. It's a no-brainer, he said. "The City of Perris spends millions of dollars on public safety—police, fire, paramedic services on animal control," he said.

Prior to arriving in Perris, Haughney spent eight years in West Germany in a signals and intelligence unit, first as a member of the Army and then as a civilian advisor to the U.S. military. Much of his service involved covert activities along the border separating communist East Germany from U.S. backed West Germany. Haughney owns a locksmith company in Perris.



Bob Turner, chairman of the Perris Public Safety Commission, presents a plaque to Shawn Haughney, who is leaving the advisory board after 15 years of service.