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DES Names Charles Loftus Director of Security *Management and oversight of new statewide security unit*

PHOENIX – Director Timothy Jeffries today announced the Department has hired its first-ever Director of Security, Charles (Charlie) Loftus. Mr. Loftus will oversee a newly-created Security Unit within the DES Office of Inspector General (OIG). His role will be to ensure safety at DES facilities statewide.

“The physical safety of DES colleagues and the clients we serve is always foremost in my mind,” said Director Timothy Jeffries. “The recent escalation of terrorist-like outbursts at public sites has made it clear we need to increase our efforts and ensure we have preventative measures in place to prevent similar incidents occurring at our facilities. The hiring of a Director of Security, and the creation of a Security Unit, will pave the way in ensuring measures are in place to secure individuals in our facilities.”

“Ensuring the physical safety of DES colleagues and clients is a critical component to maintaining the integrity of DES programs,” said Inspector General Juan J. Arcellana. “In order to effectively provide services to help those in need, DES colleagues and clients must be safe while in DES facilities.”

The Director of Security will report to the DES Inspector General. He will lead in the physical assessment of all DES offices and recommend where security improvements can be made. Additionally, the Security Unit will track unusual incidents and frequency; develop security policies, guidelines and protocols; and partner with other law enforcement entities to the enhance security presence and response at DES facilities.

Mr. Loftus has a rich history in law enforcement, counter-terrorism and security. He comes to DES with nearly thirty years of police and security experience. Mr. Loftus possesses extensive experience of large-scale institutional policing and security, including the assistance of the facilitation of security at Arizona State University. In addition, he teaches courses in counter-terrorism and domestic terrorism at ASU. Mr. Loftus holds a Ph.D. in Public Administration. His most recent role was at the Arizona Attorney General’s Office, where he supervised several units, including a specialized security unit, narcotics, and RICO investigations.

The creation of the DES Security Unit is reflective of the commitment by *Our NEW DES* to the health, safety and well-being of DES colleagues and clients.

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