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## **SHERIFF PENZONE'S STATEMENT ON PUBLIC SAFETY DURING TIME OF UNREST**

As the Sheriff of Maricopa County, I want all of you know that our office and deputies are doing everything possible to mitigate the potential danger to people and property during this period of unrest. We are invested in your safety.

This being said, our great county covers over 9,000 square miles and our staff are doing everything possible to work with public safety partners to suppress criminal looting and keep people safe who are at the center of dangerous unrest. Additionally, we are dealing with a major fire in the Cave Creek area which consumes a significant amount of law enforcement resources.

I ask that you be vigilant to mitigate the threats to yourselves, personal property and any members of a vulnerable population. Please be alert and do not hesitate to call law enforcement if they are needed.

Thank you,

Sheriff Paul Penzone