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APPOINT A PERMANENT SOUTHERN COMMANDER

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The Alice Springs members of the Country Liberals have slammed the Henderson Labor Government for again leaving the police Southern Command position without a full-time officer in charge.

As revealed by Adrian Renzi on Territory Today, the Southern Regional Command position remains unfilled.

“Crime is both the biggest issue and biggest failure of the Territory Labor Government and you would think they would try to get some stability in the local police force,” says Braitling MLA Adam Giles.

“Unfortunately all we see is a revolving door at the local police station and it is the fault of the Labor Government and its ongoing neglect for Central Australia.

“Over the last few years the local force has lost senior officers including Mark Coffey, Sean Parnell, Anne-Marie Murphy, Lance Goodwin, Kym Davies, Michael White, Michael Murphy, Bert Hoffa, Rob Kendrick - and that’s just to name a few.

“Each summer the crime spree gets worse and 2010/11 was the worst on record.

“Talk to anyone on the streets and they’ll tell you how bad crime is.

“Speak with a small business owner whose insurance bills keep rising and the windows keep getting smashed.

“Talk with the mums and dads who sit in fear each night as their kids go out for the night, hoping and praying they are safe and not bashed on the streets by thugs and young criminals.

“While there is a gaping leadership hole at the ministerial level of the Territory Labor Government, providing certainty at the local police command level shouldn’t be that hard. Good people continue to come and go.

“The message is simple! The Government must appoint a permanent Southern Region Commander at the Alice Springs police station. That officer must be someone who knows the issues, knows the people and who can work with our community and community leaders.

never solve the law and order problem while Darwin officials naval gaze and neglect Central a.

“Alice Springs needs a crime prevention and community engagement strategy to ensure that crime doesn’t continue to spiral out of control like it did last summer.

“Perhaps then we can get some positive stories to the world from this town.”

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