



# SALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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## SALEM POLICE CHIEF TIM GUTHRIE ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Salem Police Chief, Tim Guthrie, announced his retirement in a staff meeting this morning after serving Salem's citizens as a valued member of the Police Department for the past 34 years. His departure, which has been in the works for the past several months, will take effect at the end of January.

"When the City Manager and City Council members put their trust in me a year ago, one of my goals was to prepare the department for the future," says Guthrie. "We've increased our community presence, hired some great new officers and been able to make some solid promotions during this time, and I feel like I am leaving the department in some very capable hands at the perfect time."

"Like his predecessors, Chief Guthrie has been an invaluable resource for both me and the city," says Kevin Boggess, Salem City Manager. "His attention to detail, caring nature and professionalism will be missed. I wish him nothing but the best as he enters this new phase of life."

Guthrie has been with the Salem Police Department since 1981 and worked closely with former Chiefs James Bryant and Jeff Dudley. During his 34 years with the department, he served as a Patrol and Traffic Officer, Narcotics and General Investigations Detective, Detective and Services Division Sergeant, Services Division Lieutenant, a Captain, Major and eventually Chief.

"I cannot begin to express my appreciation to the residents of Salem who have supported me and my career in law enforcement," says Guthrie. "Some great leaders made an investment in me many years ago, and I feel very blessed that I have been able to start and finish my career in the same place."

Guthrie is a Roanoke City native who graduated from William Fleming High School and earned his Bachelors of Science degree from Bluefield College and his Master's degree in Liberal Studies from Hollins University. In addition, Guthrie is a graduate of the 220th session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico and the 23rd session of the Administrative Officer Management Program in Raleigh.

"I want to thank my wife, Jan, and son, Seth, as well as every member of the department for any success I may have experienced during the last 34 years," he says. "Their support of me has been extremely humbling and gratifying."

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