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St. Petersburg Chief of Police Charles “Chuck” Harmon Announces His Intention to Retire

Chief of Police Charles “Chuck” Harmon has announced his plans to retire from the St. Petersburg Police Department on January 6, 2014 barring any unforeseen circumstances.

Chief Harmon, 53, joined the St. Petersburg Police Department on November 8th, 1982 and became a sworn patrol officer on May 14th, 1983.

In 1986, Harmon became a Field Training Officer responsible for training new officers. In 1990, he was selected as Field Training Officer of the Year by the Civitan Club of St. Petersburg.

In October, 1990, Harmon was promoted to Sergeant in the Field Training Unit where he supervised the Field Training Officers.

In October, 1994, he was assigned as the Traffic Section Commander where he was responsible for management and supervision of the Selective Enforcement Unit, Traffic Homicide Investigations, D.U.I. Unit, Marine Unit, and the Police Officer Reserve Program.

In July, 1996, Harmon was promoted to Lieutenant in the Uniform Services Bureau, where as a Sector Commander he supervised and provided personnel development, training, scheduling and coordination for sergeants, community police officers, patrol officers and street narcotic officers.

In May, 1998, Harmon was promoted to Major in charge of District III, which encompasses the west side of St. Petersburg. He managed and supervised more than 100 District personnel and established relationships with our community and business partners.

In May, 1999, Harmon was promoted to Assistant Chief of Uniform Services Bureau where he was responsible for the supervision of 350 employees, and his varied responsibilities included administration, patrol, community policing, field training, marine, K-9, traffic, and fleet management.

Harmon was appointed Chief of Police on December 18, 2001 has overseen all police operations for nearly 12 years.

Chief Harmon graduated from Brevard Community College in Cocoa, Florida in 1979 with an Associate of Arts Degree in General Studies and an Associate of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminology from Florida State University in 1982 and a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from Troy State University.
In 2001.

After 31 years of service with the St. Petersburg Police Department, Chief Harmon says that he is looking forward to spending more time with his wife, Lori, and his children.

Chief Harmon will be available for sound today between 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Information provided by Bill Proffitt on Wednesday September 4, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.