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Since December 2, 2013, I have had the distinct honor and privilege of being the Chief of Police for the city of Salina. I have served with a team of remarkable men and women who daily demonstrate their dedication and commitment to the residents of our city.

After more than 37 years of law enforcement service in three communities, I have decided it is time to retire from law enforcement. After conferring with City Manager Mike Schrage, my last day as chief will be September 2, 2022. The primary reason for this decision is family-related, as my wife and I wish to be closer to our children and our only surviving parent, all of who reside in Missouri. This was a very difficult decision and one we have anguished over for months.

During my tenure as chief, we have had many accomplishments which have benefitted the department and the community. These include:

- Construction of the Salina Regional Training Center
- Established a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)
- Established a Peer Support Group for our employees
- Established a Citizen Review Board
- Established an Annual Employees Award Banquet
- Successfully completed the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) recertification program twice.
- Established a Police Foundation (Police Excellence Foundation of Salina)

In addition, we made a concentrated effort to further connect with the community we serve. In collaboration with the Saline County Sheriff's Office, we re-established the Citizens Academy. Additional programs that were established during my tenure include:

- Coffee with a Cop
- Cops and Costumes Halloween event
- Shop with a Cop in conjunction with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Salina
- Tip a Cop to benefit Special Olympics
- Fishing with a Cop

Thank you, the members of the Salina Police Department, former City Manager Jason Gage, for providing me the opportunity to be your chief, City Manager Mike Schrage for his leadership, past and present city commissioners, and the entire community for allowing me to serve in this role for over 8 ½ years. It is an honor and one my wife, and I will always cherish.

With gratitude and respect,



Brad L. Nelson
Chief of Police