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### **Post Falls Police Chief Pat Knight Announces Retirement**

Chief Pat Knight has announced his retirement from the City of Post Falls effective August 31, 2021.

Chief Knight is a Coeur d' Alene High School graduate. He served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps from 1990 to 1994. Shortly thereafter, he started his law enforcement career as a Marine Deputy with the Kootenai County Sherriff's Office. In July of 1994 he was hired by the Post Falls Police Department as a Patrol Officer. Even though the starting pay at that time was only \$10.03 per hour, Pat recalls he was "on cloud nine" about the job. Since being hired, he has worked as a Patrol Officer, a Field Training Officer, one of the first motorcycle officers in the history of the Department in 1996, Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, Assistant Chief and lastly Chief starting in 2018. The calls for service rose from 14,188 in 1994 to over 40,000 per year currently.

During Pat's tenure as Chief, he has played a critical role in helping the Police Department address community partnerships, department culture, growth issues and the pandemic. He has fostered a caring, compassionate culture that's rooted in community-based policing.

Accomplishments during his tenure include: Graduate of the FBI National Academy, Post Falls Chamber Citizen of the Year, Husband to Shannon, Father to Emily and Berkeley, and Grandfather to Cali Lynn and her future brother or sister.

Other associations that Pat has served include: Board Member and Wish Granter for Make-A-Wish Idaho, former Vice President of the Kootenai County Police & Fire Memorial, and former Secretary Treasurer of Idaho-Montana FBINAA Chapter.

Some of Pat's fondest memories of working for Post Falls include when he was selected as one of the first two motorcycle officers for the City of Post Falls. "I was two years into my career and could not believe I was actually going to be able to ride a motorcycle every day. What a cool job!" Another is his work with Holidays and Heroes. About 10 years ago, he and his wife, Shannon, were given the opportunity to spend the day with the sweetest little girl. Her family was very nice and had certainly fallen on the worst of times. "To this day, the father calls me and checks in! We were able to make such a positive impression on this family's life that also completely changed ours!"

Mayor Ron Jacobson stated, "It has been a sincere pleasure to work with Chief Knight. His achievements will not be forgotten. I am extremely proud of our Police Department and their strong partnership with our community. Our law enforcement professionals are second to none. The Chief has shown true servant leadership, approachability, responsiveness, and a love of our community's well-being. Chief Knight will be sincerely missed."

The City will begin the recruitment process for a new chief right away.

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