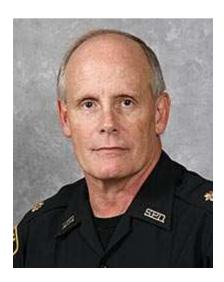May 14, 2013

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SPD's Major Bob Brown to retire

The Springfield Police Department will be honoring Maj. Bob Brown during a retirement ceremony at 3 p.m. on Thursday, May 16, at the Springfield Regional Police and Fire Training Center, 2620 W. Battlefield.

Brown joined the Springfield Police Department in January 1990 and is retiring after more than 23 years of service. During his career with the Springfield Police Department, he has served in numerous positions within the Uniform Operations Bureau and the Investigations and Support Services Bureau. As an officer, Brown served in patrol and criminal investigations. He was promoted to the rank of corporal in January 1996, where he continued his service in criminal investigations while assigned to the Major Crimes Response Team. While in this assignment, he worked several high profile homicide cases. In May 1999, Brown received the Southeast Rotary Club Officer of the Year award. In January 2001, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and was assigned to the inspections and internal affairs unit. He was then promoted to the rank of lieutenant in October 2006. As a lieutenant, he served as a commander in patrol, traffic, and criminal investigations. In April 2009, he was promoted to his current rank of major. As a major, he has served as a commander in support services and uniform operations.

Chief Paul Williams stated, "Maj. Brown has long been the calm voice of reason within the SPD in addressing both criminal investigations and internal issues. The police department as a whole, and I personally will miss his institutional knowledge and expertise, but I wish him well as he moves on and enjoys a well-deserved retirement."

Brown holds a Bachelor of Arts in history from Indiana University and a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice from Drury University. Brown is also a graduate of the 239th session of the FBI National Academy.

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