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News Release

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Sergeant Darrell Rader Retirement

The Springfield Police Department is announcing the retirement of Sergeant Darrell Rader who has been with the SPD since 1987 when he started as a reserve officer with the department. Throughout the years, Sergeant Rader has worked as a uniformed patrol officer, full time Special Response Team member, major crimes investigator, major accident investigator, and detective in the Criminal Investigations Section (CIS). He was promoted to the rank of Corporal in 1997 and then to Sergeant in 2008. He is ending his career with the department as the Supervisor of the Community Services Section.

Highlights of Sergeant Rader's career include graduating from both the Springfield police reserve academy and the police academy where he ranked number 1 in both classes. Sergeant Rader has also been the supervisor directly responsible for several dignitary visits to Springfield, ensuring the protection of both the President and Vice President on many occasions.

Sergeant Rader will have 23½ years of service to the City of Springfield upon his retirement today.

His retirement ceremony is at 3:00 p.m. at the Police West Central Building, 216 W. Central Street.

The media is invited to attend.

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