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CITY OF MADISON CHIEF OF POLICE ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Madison, Indiana (December 4, 2023) – The City of Madison's Police Department Chief, John Wallace, will retire at the end of December 2023.

Beginning his career in 1986 as a patrolman under Mayor Markt Lytle, Wallace served 24 years as a patrol officer, detective, and eventually Chief of Police. Elected as Jefferson County's sheriff in 2010, he served two terms before shifting to the position of Chief Deputy under Sheriff David Thomas. He later served Madison Consolidated Schools as a school resource officer until he was appointed to the City of Madison's Chief of Police by Mayor Courtney in 2020.

"It has truly been an honor and privilege to serve the citizens of Madison and Jefferson County as a police officer," said Chief Wallace. "I have been blessed to serve with some of the best men and women Madison / Jefferson County has to offer and sincerely appreciate the opportunity Mayor Bob Courtney gave me, returning to the city police to finish out my career as chief."

After 37 years of serving as a police officer, Wallace wants to take on the next stage of life and retire alongside his wife, Patti Wallace, at the end of the year. Blessed with four grandchildren, they look forward to spending more time with their family.

"Our department has grown, not only in numbers but in professionalism and pride. I believe the Madison Police Department's best days are ahead; a strong foundation has been established that can be built upon. Thank you for allowing me to serve you as a police officer," said Chief Wallace.

Under Chief Wallace's leadership, the city has seen incredible accomplishments, including growing the department to 34 officers, forming a crime suppression task force, reducing drug-related crime by 22%, creating a traffic division, and implementing Operation Predator Net, which deals with crimes against children.

"Wallace also oversaw creating a part-time officer program, improving evidence handling procedures and best operational practices, among many other things," said Mayor Bob Courtney. "Chief Wallace has worked tirelessly to make Madison a safer place for everyone. I wish him all the best in his retirement."

The City of Madison is now accepting applications for the position of Police Chief, and any interested parties may file a submission online at madison-in.gov/employment. Applications will be accepted through December 17 at midnight.

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