



NEWS RELEASE

COLTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Steve Ward, Chief of Police

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Chief Steve Ward Retiring

Date: February 26, 2015
Location: 650 N. La Cadena Drive, Colton CA
From: Corporal Ray Mendez

Summary:

Chief Steve Ward will be retiring on March 8th 2015 after 29 years of service with the Colton Police Department. Chief Ward was hired on August 25th 1986 as a patrol officer for the City of Colton, and has spent his entire career with the Colton Police Department. Chief Ward has worked as a Patrol Officer, Detective, Corporal, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain before taking over as the Chief of Police in April of 2011. Through his 29 years Chief Ward has worked in the following details and assignments: Traffic Officer, Multiple Enforcement Team, Narcotics Officer, S.M.A.S.H. Officer, and worked in the Neighborhood Enrichment Team. Chief Ward was also a member of the Colton Police Department's Special Weapons and Tactics Team.

It is Chief Ward's recommendation that Colton Police Department Lieutenant Joe Gutierrez be appointed the next Chief of Police, and knows Lieutenant Gutierrez will continue to maintain the high standards and quality of the police department that we have always had. Chief Ward believes that our culture of being the best police department will continue if Lieutenant Gutierrez assumes command. Chief Ward wanted to pass on that "Colton is a special place to work, and I'm very proud to have hired and worked with the absolute best. I will miss the city employees, residents, businesses, the Colton School district, and most of all the proud members of the Colton Police Department". Chief Ward expressed that he plans on spending time with his family since they have sacrificed so much for the Colton Police Department throughout all of his years of service.