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Police Chief Kruger Announces Retirement December 1

Police Chief James Kruger has announced his intention to retire as East Dundee Police Chief effective December 1, 2023.

Kruger, who concluded 10 years of service with the Oak Brook Police Department as Chief of Police, recently returned to the Dundee Township-area where he initially started his policing career in Carpentersville in 1984 and rose through the ranks to Commander. His first Chief position was at the Winfield Police Department, while holding half-time roles at Judson University and serving as the Chief of the Roselle Police Department from 2006 to 2011.

"We appreciate Chief Kruger's excellent service to East Dundee Police Department and the community at large," said Village President Jeff Lynam. "The Village and the Police Department are better than before because of his leadership."

During his 42 years in law enforcement, and 19 as Chief of Police, Kruger has held a variety of external leadership positions. He served as president of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police and DuPage County Police Chiefs Association. He also served on the boards of Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS) and the Northeast Multi-Regional Training- Mobile Team Unit #3. Additionally, Kruger received the Police Chief of the Year award in 2022 from the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police. Kruger also was a key subject-matter-expert to elected officials in the negotiations of the SAFE-T Act criminal justice reform bill which was approved by the Illinois Legislature last year.

"I want to thank President Lynam and the Village Board for their support and confidence over these just short of two years," said Kruger. "I have appreciated the opportunity to return to the Dundee Township community and serve the people of East Dundee as I wrap up my law enforcement career."

Deputy Chief Joshua Fourdyce will be the Acting Police Chief upon Chief Kruger's retirement. Chief Kruger will be recognized for his service to the community at the November 20th Village Board meeting. The public is invited to attend.

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