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Major Kevin Routh Retires

Thursday, May 3rd, Springfield Police Major Kevin Routh will retire after 26 years of service. His last assignment was as the Commander of the Investigations and Support Services Bureau. He started his career with the Springfield Police Department in 1979 as a volunteer in the youth program.

In 1986, Major Routh was employed as a Detention Officer for the Springfield Police Department and remained there until appointed as a police officer later that year. During the last 26 years Major Routh has served throughout the department in patrol, investigations, and administrative assignments while promoting through the ranks. He has over 18 years of supervisory experience that include supervising patrol squads, Community Policing, Special Response Team, Narcotics Unit, Crimes Against Persons, Organized Crime and Vice. He was promoted to the rank of Major in 2008 where he commanded the Criminal Investigations Division until 2012, when his duties expanded to include command of the Support Services Division.

Major Routh holds a Master's degree in Business and Organizational Security Management from Webster University and a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Drury University. He graduated from the School of Police and Staff Command in 1997 and is a graduate of the 228th Session of the FBI National Academy. He is a certified generalist instructor by the State of Missouri and has provided law enforcement instruction as an adjunct instructor at area colleges.

He is actively involved in the community, currently serving on the board of One Missing Link and the advisory board for Isabel's House and Children's Division.

Major Routh belongs to the Men's Encounter Group based at Lebanon First Assembly and he and his wife, Cathy, are active members at Northside Christian Church.

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