

St. Louis County Police Chief Jerry Lee
Announces Retirement

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Today, Colonel Jerry Lee, Chief of the St. Louis County Police Department, announced his intent to retire effective August 1, 2009. Chief Lee notified Colonel Floyd Warmann, acting Chairman of the Board of Police Commissioners of his intention to retire.

Chief Lee stated that he will continue to serve until August 1, 2009, or until a new Chief is selected by the Board of Police Commissioners, whichever comes first.

Chief Lee indicated that his August 1st retirement date will mark 38 years of service to the citizens of St. Louis County and over five years as Chief of Police.

Colonel Warmann immediately notified the other two Board Members, Colonel Jimmy Brown and Colonel Greg Sansone, of the Chief's decision to retire. The Board thanks Chief Lee for his years of service and his leadership as Chief of Police and added that the St. Louis County Police Department is one of the finest police departments in the region and the United States. The Board feels that the men and women of the St. Louis County Police Department are the reason the Department is held in such high regard.

Chief Lee began his career in 1970 and has served all four Divisions within the Department in a variety of assignments and ranks, eventually being promoted to Chief of Police on June 1, 2004 by the Board of Police Commissioners.

Upon learning of the Chief's impending retirement, the majority of the current Board of Police Commissioners conferred and agreed on their intention to select the next Chief from the ranks of the St. Louis County Police Department. The Board believes that the Command Staff has highly trained and qualified leaders that are capable of leading the department. Colonel Warmann stated that there has been a system in the past that has been effective in choosing the two previous Chiefs and maintains continuity to the Department. Colonel Warmann further stated that the Board should start preliminary detail work soon, but will definitely want the two new Board Members approved and in place before the process begins.