

RPD,

For five years, it has been my honor and privilege to serve as your Chief.

Your dedication impressed me from the moment I returned to the Raleigh Police Department in 2007. I found you had retained all the best aspects of public service that I remembered from my time here as an officer, even as Raleigh had grown into a major city. Despite the resulting growth of the Department, you had maintained the pride and professionalism that have always set us apart.

Today, I have announced that I will retire as Raleigh's Chief of Police on October 1, concluding 32 years of law enforcement service, and over 10 years as a North Carolina Capital City Police Officer. As I prepare to depart, I wanted to let each and every one of you know how very fortunate I consider myself to have served along side you.

I say without reservation that this is truly the finest major metropolitan police department in the nation, and I will always treasure my time as a Raleigh beat officer and Chief of Police. My hope over the coming weeks is that I may get a chance to personally wish you the very best in the years ahead. If I do not have the opportunity to do so personally, please allow me to express my best wishes to you and your families now.

Respectfully,

Chief H.P. Dolan # 1211  
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