

OFFICER DOUG BIRD RETIRES

Officer Doug Bird began his career with the Hodgkins Police Department on January 8th, 1990. Doug was one of four police officers that were hired at the same time. He was the only one of the four to remain with our Department.

Doug is a 1977 graduate of Bogan High School in Chicago. After graduating high school, he served a four year enlistment in the United States Navy. He served on the USS Samuel Gompers, a Destroyer Tender, and was deployed in 1979 to the Indian Ocean during the Iranian Crisis.

In 1981, he completed his tour of duty with the U.S. Navy and returned home. Doug began working as a security officer at the Ford City Mall in Chicago. This is where he developed his desire to work in Law Enforcement.

After being hired by the Village of Hodgkins, he attended the Cook County Sheriff's Police Law Enforcement Academy and graduated in April of 1990.

His many Police certifications with the State of Illinois



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include Breathalyzer Technician, Hazardous Material Certification, Illinois Truck Enforcement Specialist and Field Training Officer (FTO).

The Field Training Officer position is perhaps one of the most important duties within any police department. Field Training Officers are responsible for taking the new recruit, fresh out of the police academy, and molding them into a productive level-headed

professional police officer. This is not always an easy task, and requires many hours of teaching skills and strict evaluation abilities.

On May 1st, 2010, Officer Doug Bird started his well-earned retirement. Doug is enjoying his retirement here in the western suburbs with his two daughters, Elizabeth and Katie and new grandson, Josh. He is now able to spend some quality family time with them all, something that was hard to do for the past 20 years as a street officer. He intends to spend some of the winter months with his sister in Arizona.

***Congratulations Doug!
Thanks for your 20 years of
Dedicated Service!***



Ofc. Doug Bird #70
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