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OFFICER HANSEL HOWARD BEGINS RETIREMENT

Hodgkins Police Officer Hansel Howard began his retirement on September 9th, 2008.

Officer Howard began his career with the Hodgkins Police Department on September 1st, 1983. Prior to that he worked as a police dispatcher with the City of Countryside Police Department. He grew up in Hodgkins and tested for the police officer position as soon as he could. He was just 25 years old.

From the start, Hansel used his experience in the telecommunications area to help our department with meeting requirements with computerized police records through the State of Illinois. Hansel's certification in the State of Illinois Police Computer System (LEADS) was a valuable asset to our



OFFICER HANSEL L. HOWARD JR.

Department as we implemented our computer systems.

Officer Howard was assigned to our Investigations Unit in 1993. He became certified in Crime Scene Processing, Evidence Processing and Narcotics Investigations.

However, Hansel's greatest contribution to our Department was as a Field Training Officer. This position is an important responsibility within any police agency. An FTO is tasked with the responsibility to train new police officers fresh out of the police academy. These young

impressible police recruits begin their new careers and need a police veteran who can teach and become a mentor and lead by example. Officer Hansel Howard helped train our new officers for the last 18 years. His ability to train our young officers for a career in law enforcement is an asset to our entire community.

"It takes a certain quality individual to be able to professionally train a new police officer, and Hansel certainly has that talent" stated Retired Chief Hugh Rhodes.

Hansel resides in the western suburbs with his wife Ruth and three children Andrew, Zachary and Rachel. His plans include working around the house when he is not golfing.

Congratulations to Officer Howard and a sincere thank you for your dedicated service.

Chief Kringlie and Lt. Wilkans
Congratulate Ofc Howard



Mayor Cummings congratulates
Ofc Howard on 25 Years of Service

