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BURNSVILLE POLICE CHIEF DAVE FARRINGTON ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Police Chief Dave Farrington today announced his retirement from the City of Burnsville effective Monday, May 31. The announcement ends a distinguished career spanning over 32 years of public service to the Burnsville community.

“Chief Farrington is passionate about providing high quality police services and passionate about Burnsville,” commented Burnsville City Manager Craig Ebeling. “He is a leader who believes in his people and works hard to ensure the safest possible community. Burnsville has benefited from his dedicated service, and he will be missed,” he added.

Farrington became only the fourth Police Chief in Burnsville history in 1998. Under his leadership the Burnsville Police Department was noted for taking strong positions in the areas of Speed Reduction and Traffic Safety and the implementation of technology to aid in investigations and patrol services. As Chief he leads a nationally accredited, 101 member department that stresses a “back to the basics” community policing approach along with specialty units such as an Emergency Action Group, Domestic Abuse Response Team and School Liaison Officer Program.

Farrington’s service with the City of Burnsville began in 1971 when he was hired as a part-time Community Service Officer. He became a full-time Public Safety Officer in February 1972. At the time Burnsville provided Police and Fire Services through a combined Public Safety Department. Farrington was promoted to Public Safety Officer II in 1975, achieved the rank of Lieutenant in 1978, and then promoted to Police Captain in 1991.

Burnsville was awarded as one of 50 law enforcement agencies in the nation that requires a four-year college education for officers, a practice that dates back to 1968. Farrington’s educational record shows a strong commitment to lifetime learning. He holds a Master of Arts Degree in Public Safety Education and Administration from the University of St. Thomas and a Bachelor of Science in Government from St. Johns University. Farrington is also a 2001 graduate of the 42nd Session of the Law Enforcement Executive Development

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Seminar at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia and a graduate of the 158th Session of the FBI National Academy in 1989.

The City of Burnsville will announce a process to recruit both internal and external candidates for the Police Chief position.

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