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**Assistant Chief Lt. Col. Stephen Pollihan Announces Retirement**  
*Pollihan to Leave the Department after 36 Year Career*

After a 36 year career with the Metropolitan Police Department, Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Pollihan announced that he will retire in January.

“Serving the people of St. Louis has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life,” said Lt. Col. Pollihan. “So it is with great sadness, that I’ve made the decision to retire. It’s a decision that’s made all the more difficult by the fact that I firmly believe in the vision of Chief Isom and have faith in his leadership. I close my career looking *forward* to the great things he has in store for the Department and looking *back* with great pride and humility. To say it’s been an honor to wear this uniform for 36 years would be an understatement.”

Chief Dan Isom said “Lt. Col. Pollihan has been one of my greatest resources and staunchest supporters since I became Chief and he’s been immensely valuable to the Metropolitan Police Department over his career. He’s been an incomparable mentor to me, and a shining example to the Department. He is a class act and we wish him only the best.”

Lt. Col. Pollihan, a lifelong St. Louis resident, joined the Department in 1972. Over his career he’s served in the Third and Fourth Police Districts, as a Detective in the

Bureau of Investigations and as a commander in Operational Planning. He later served as the Secretary to the Board of Police Commissioners and as an Executive Aide to former Chief John Berner and former Chief Robert Scheetz. He's also served as the Commander of the Central Patrol Division and the Bureau of Community Policing. He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 1998 and named Assistant Chief of Police in 2003. Lt. Col. Pollihan holds a Bachelor's degree in Urban Affairs from St. Louis University and a Masters Degree in Administration of Justice from Webster University.

Chief Isom has made no decisions regarding Lt. Col. Pollihan's replacement.

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