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### **CAPTAIN RICHARD LEWIS NAMED INTERIM SPRINGFIELD POLICE CHIEF**

*Captain Lewis is a 30-year veteran of the Springfield PD*

Captain Richard 'Rick' Lewis has been named Interim Police Chief, by City Manager Gino Grimaldi and is scheduled to start in his new role on March 30, 2013. Captain Lewis has been with Springfield PD since September 12, 1983. He has a B.A. from George Fox College and an A.A. in Criminal Justice from Lane Community College.

"Captain Lewis is a solid leader respected in both the department and the community. Over the years I have been impressed by his professionalism and his dedication to the community and the men and women of the Springfield Police Department," said Grimaldi. "When looking for an interim Chief, I felt it was important to select someone who can continue to excellent work of Chief Smith. I am confident that Captain Lewis will be able to do this."

Police Chief Jerry Smith recently announced his retirement after a 43 year career. The recruitment for Springfield's next police chief is expected to take six months. Captain Lewis has indicated that he will not be applying for the permanent position.



Rick Lewis – Springfield PD