



## **PRESS RELEASE**

From the office of:  
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### **Long Serving Special Deputy Retires**

Special Deputy Vern Waldner has retired from the Anoka County Sheriff's Office reserve program. Vern Waldner first joined the reserve unit on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 1992. He has spent almost 26 years doing volunteer service work for the citizens and communities of Anoka County. Vern was the second longest serving Special Deputy of all time.

Most years, Vern volunteered over 1,000 hours to the unit. Over the years he has received numerous letters of Appreciation, numerous Performance Recognitions and many letters from outside law enforcement agencies expressing their thanks for his assistance. Vern also has many documented contacts from the public of appreciation for the positive impact he has made over the years.

Anoka County Sheriff James Stuart said, "Vern has been a stellar example of what it means to go above & beyond in service to others. He has proudly served our nation, and our communities, in a variety of ways for many years. He has always been willing to step up and assist where needed and embraced what it means to be an ambassador for ACSO in our communities. I am very proud and appreciative of his dedicated service, and we will all miss him around the office. Although he is retiring from the unit, he will remain a member of the ACSO family."

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