





# ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018

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# CHIEF'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the women and men of the Arlington Police Department, it is my pleasure to present this 2017-2018 annual report. This report will summarize crime statistics, police programs and highlights from the past two years. The Arlington Police Department is committed to the values of Teamwork, Respect, Integrity, Professionalism and Innovation. Our police officers and civilian staff strive towards living these values while serving our community every day.

2017 was one of the most difficult years in the history of the Arlington Police Department. Our agency experienced its first officer-involved shooting. Though the suspect survived and is recovering and the officers involved have returned to work, this event has had a significant impact on everyone involved.

Following this incident, the community showed a tremendous outpouring of support for the department. This helped our employees continue to serve despite tremendous challenges.

The Arlington Police Department continues to focus our efforts on reducing crime through community engagement. The tremendous trust we have achieved within the community is something we don't take for granted.



We strive to improve the quality of life in Arlington through this active partnership. It is only through collaboration we'll make our City a safer place to live and work. The police department's commitment to employing effective policing strategies, developing community partnerships and proactively addressing crime remains ever constant.

I would like to express my gratitude to the personnel of Arlington Police Department for their continued dedication, professionalism and passion for serving this community. I would also like to thank the citizens of our community for their support of our officers and employees. We are blessed to live in a community that cares so much about the quality of life in Arlington.

Jonathan Ventura, MPA  
Chief of Police

# YEAR IN REVIEW



## LEXIPOL

In January of 2017 the Arlington Police Department launched an entirely new policy manual through a partnership with Lexipol.

Lexipol is the leading provider of risk management resources for public safety organizations, delivering its services through a unique, web-based development system with an integrated training component. Lexipol provides comprehensive, court-tested policies written by law enforcement and legal professionals.



## AED'S

In 2017 the Arlington Police Department received a grant award of \$10,000 from the Cascade Valley Health Foundation towards the purchase of Automated External Defibrillators (AED's). In 2018 we received a grant from the Rotary Club of Arlington for an additional eight AED's to completely outfit our patrol fleet. These life saving devices were deployed in patrol vehicles to provide our community with better responses to in-progress cardiac emergencies.



## PATROL BIKES

In 2017 the Arlington Police Department purchased four new patrol bicycles to replace our previous fleet that was nearly 20-years old.

These bikes can be used to patrol the downtown corridor, city parks and trail, and also used at special events such as the 4th of July festivities and the Arlington Fly-In.

# YEAR IN REVIEW



## SODA

In August of 2017 the Arlington City Council unanimously adopted a "Stay Out of Designated Area" ordinance in response to community and business requests to address an increase in illegal drug sales and usage in the commercial / retail corridor of Smokey Point. The court adopted the program and it officially launched in 2018.

Under the new law, a person charged or convicted of any crime in which an officer could articulate a "nexus" to illicit drugs could be barred for up to two years under a court order issued by a judge to stay away from the drug-prone area.

## LIVESCAN

In 2017 the Arlington Police Department received the required training and approvals to "go live" with Live Scan. Live Scan is an ink-less, electronic means of capturing fingerprints in a digitized format for transmitting to the FBI. Previously, fingerprints were taken by applying ink to each finger, then rolling each finger on a fingerprint card.

The Live Scan equipment was acquired under a \$10,000 National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP) grant in 2016.



## ATV'S

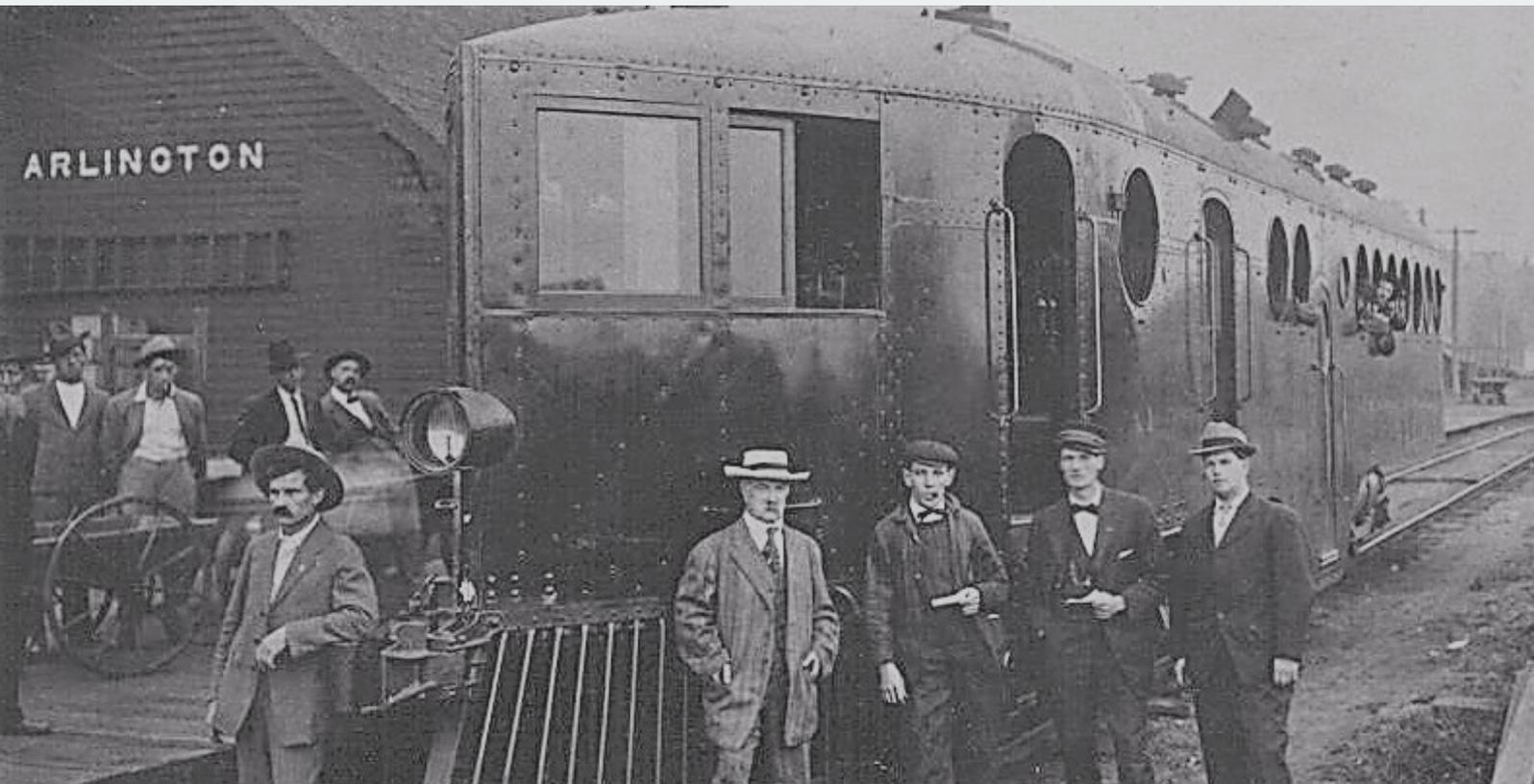
In 2017 the Arlington Police Department received the generous donation of a four-wheeled all-terrain-vehicle (ATV) from local businessman Jeremiah McKinley and the Vine Street Group. APD received a second ATV in 2018 through a grant, thanks again to the generosity and support of the Cascade Valley Health Foundation.

These vehicles help the department reach the most remote area of our community, such as the wooded areas of Arlington Municipal Airport and Haller Park. Additionally, first responders can use these vehicles for emergency responses to remote locations for incidents that require lifesaving interventions and or quick extraction of patients to a nearby location for transport to more advanced medical care.

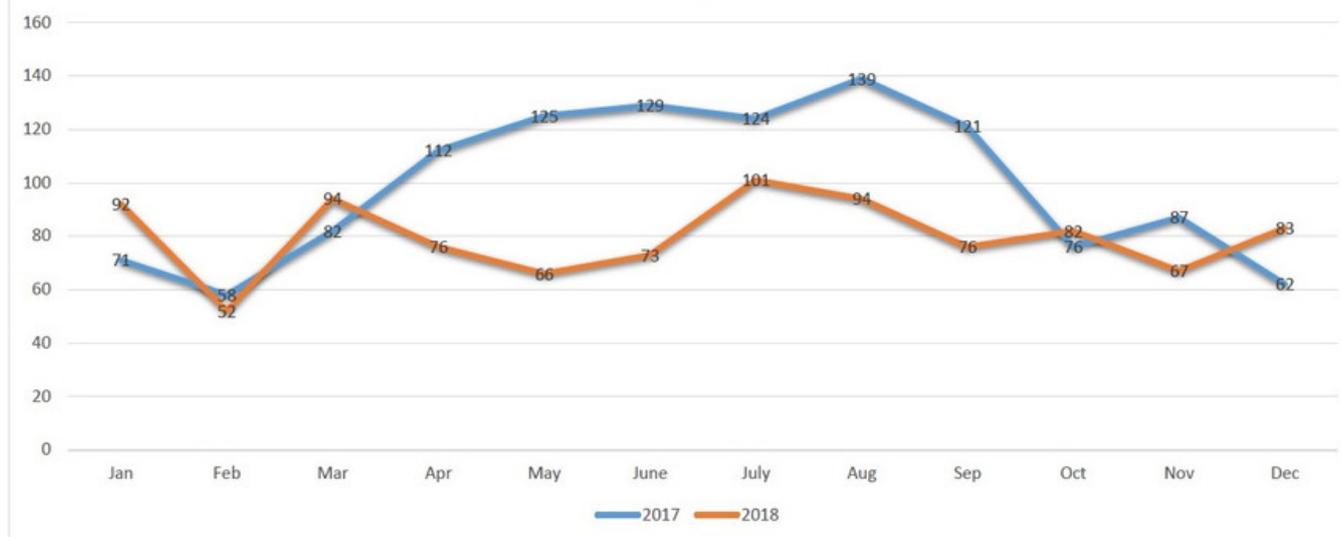


# CRIME STATISTICS

COMPILED FROM CALLS FOR SERVICE AND INCIDENT REPORTS



Arlington Police Responses to Walmart



Total number of incidents/responses

Decrease of 24% in 2018



COUNCIL CHAMBERS



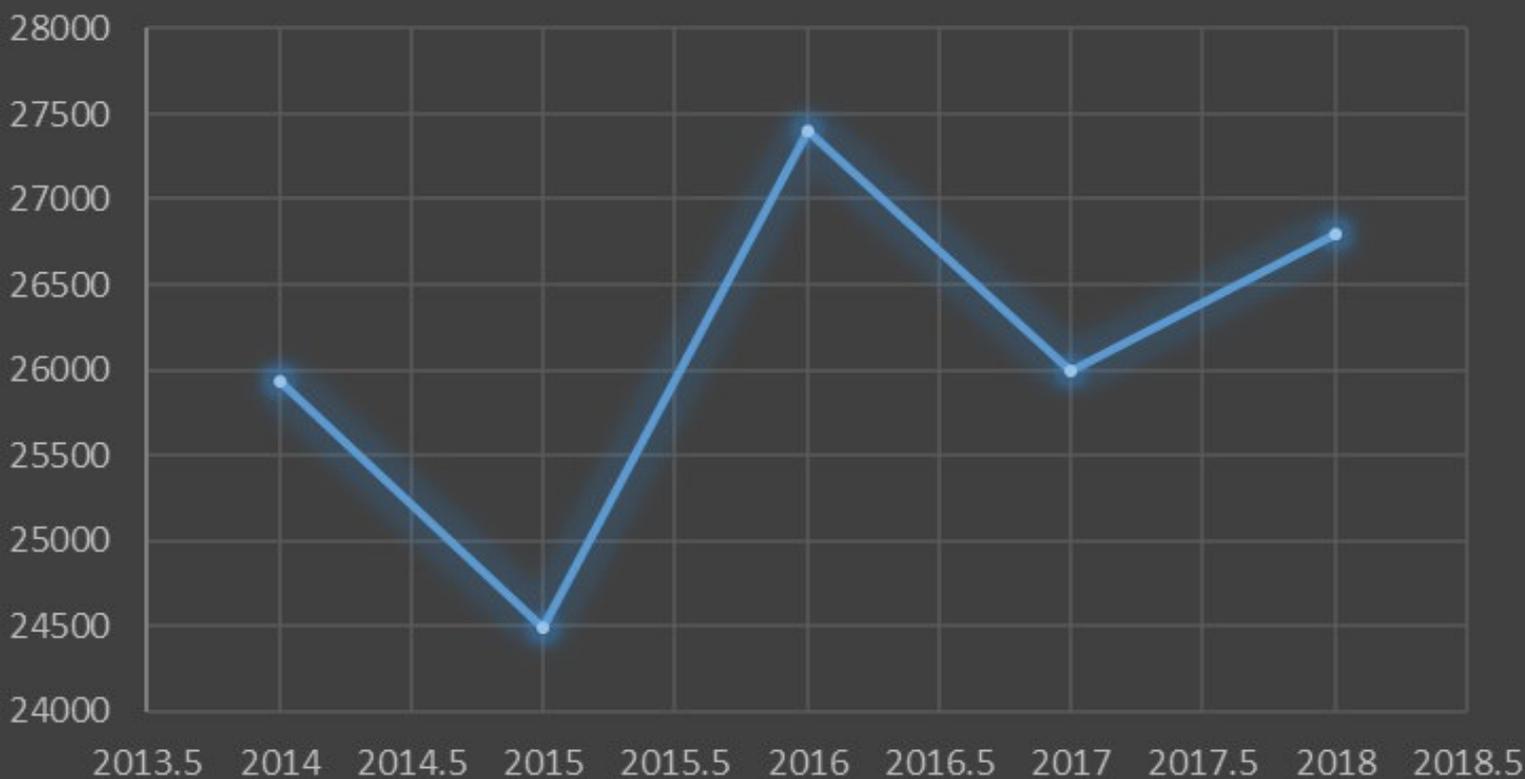
**POLICE WEEK**

MAY 13 - MAY 19

HONORING THOSE WHO HAVE LOST  
THEIR LIVES IN THE LINE OF DUTY



### Total Incidents By Year (Calls for Service)



## AN OVERVIEW

# 2017 CRIME STATISTICS

**7%** ↓

### DECREASE IN AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS

Aggravated assault is an attempt to cause serious bodily injury to another or to cause serious bodily injury purposely, knowingly, or recklessly, with an extreme indifference to the value of human life.

**6%** ↑

### INCREASE IN ROBBERIES

Robbery is the action of taking property unlawfully from a person or place by force or threat of force.

**6%** ↓

### DECREASE IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

#### Violent Crimes

Assault  
Domestic Violence  
Robbery

#### Property Crimes

Burglary  
Malicious Mischief  
Theft  
Vehicle Theft

#### Traffic

Collisions  
Traffic Stops

2016	2017	% Change
180	166	-7.70%
358	338	-5.58%
22	24	9.90%
137	145	5.83%
226	197	-12.83%
691	647	-6.36%
163	154	-5.52%
692	701	1.30%
2576	2042	-20.72%

## POLICE SERVICES

#### Records

The unit processed 276 Concealed Pistol Licenses and 535 pistol transfer applications, each requiring a thorough background check. The most significant change from the previous year was public records disclosure requests. The records unit processed 1,056 requests under the Public Records Act, requiring 606 documented hours of staff time.

This is in comparison with 2016, which saw 810 requests and 380 hours. A bulk of the staff time results from review of records for materials that are not permitted to be released under state laws.

#### Property

Police Support Technicians processed 4,653 new items of property or evidence, including coordinating testing with the state laboratory. A full inventory audit of the property room was also conducted.

## AN OVERVIEW

# 2018 CRIME STATISTICS

**19% ↓**

DECREASE  
IN AGGRAVATED  
ASSAULTS

Aggravated assault is an attempt to cause serious bodily injury to another or to cause serious bodily injury purposely, knowingly, or recklessly, with an extreme indifference to the value of human life.

Aggravated Assault	2016	2017	2018	%
ASSAULT 2 DV	4	5	7	40%
ASSAULT 1	3	3	2	-33%
ASSAULT OF CHILD 3		2	2	
ASSAULT OF CHILD 2	1		1	
ASSAULT 4 DV		3		
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>-19%</b>

## POLICE SERVICES

**38% ↓**

DECREASE IN  
ROBBERIES

Robbery is the action of taking property unlawfully from a person or place by force or threat of force.

### Records

The unit processed 277 Concealed Pistol Licenses and 599 pistol transfer applications, each requiring a thorough background check. The records unit processed more than 900 requests under the Public Records Act, requiring 507 documented hours of staff time. A bulk of the staff time results from review of records for materials that are not permitted to be released under state laws.

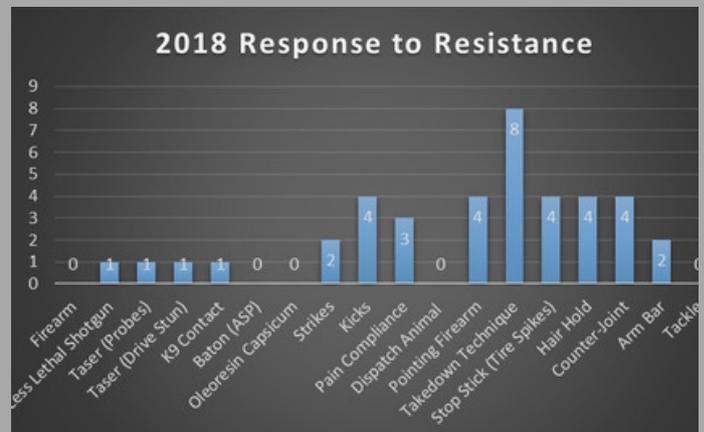
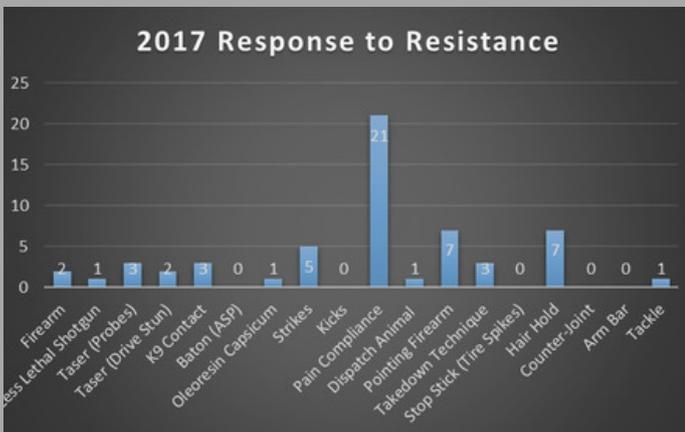
### Property

Police Support Technicians processed more than 3,400 new items of property or evidence, including coordinating testing with the state laboratory.

**4% ↑**

INCREASE DOMESTIC  
VIOLENCE





# RESPONSE TO RESISTANCE

There is no single, universally agreed-upon definition of use of force. The International Association of Chiefs of Police has described "Use of Force" as the amount of effort required by police to compel compliance by an unwilling subject. Law enforcement officers should use only the amount of force necessary to mitigate an incident, make an arrest, protect themselves, or to protect others from harm. **Officers never control the amount of force used; it is always determined by the actions and level of resistance of the subject.** For this reason, the Arlington Police Department, like many law enforcement agencies, refers to these actions as a response to resistance. **In 2018 APD responded to 26,799 Calls for Service.**

*APD was only required to Respond to Resistance in 0.149% of all contacts in 2018*

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# MEET THE TEAM

NEW TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN 2017-2018



ALEX  
DONCHEZ



SHELLY  
HAMEL



JOSH  
FOX



MIKE  
MCQUOID



MIKE  
ELLIS



DUSTIN  
BARTLETT



SHANE  
SHARP



MICHAEL  
KNIGHT



RHONDA  
URTON

PROMOTED IN 2017  
**SERGEANT**



MIKE  
GILBERT



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

In 2018 the Arlington Police Department started a Community Outreach Team to pair a police officer with a social worker to go into the field. Their mission; identify, locate, and connect with homeless and vulnerable populations in the city and unincorporated Snohomish County. The goal is to foster long-term relationships and break the cycle of homelessness, mental health, and chemical dependency.

APD Officer Ken Thomas and Law Enforcement Embedded Social Worker (LEESW) Britney Sutton help homeless individuals locate and navigate social and health services. Together, the team assists frequent jail consumers, the homeless, and the mentally ill to find services needed to lessen the likelihood of re-offending, law enforcement contacts, and incarceration.

<b>Intervention</b>	<b>MAY-DEC 2018</b>
Substance Use Assessments	72
Mental Health Assessments	4
Detox Completed	30
Medical Benefits / EBT (Food) / ID Cards	14
Housing Secured	23
Entered Treatment Program	27
Completed Treatment Program	18
Abscondend From Treatment	4
New Clients	73
<b>Total Contacts</b>	<b>543</b>

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# SPOTLIGHTING PARTNERSHIPS



In 2018 Officer Kinney and Officer Adkins were assigned to the Snohomish County Violent Offender Task Force (VOTF). This unit operates under the United States Marshal's Service and all the individuals assigned hold a Special Deputation commission under their authority.

The Task Force is made up of Officers from Arlington PD, Everett PD, Lake Stevens PD, Mukilteo PD, WA State Department of Corrections and deputies from the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office. The unit is supervised by a full-time Deputy US Marshal.

The VOTF is tasked with capturing the county and region's most dangerous and elusive individuals. It also assists other federal law enforcement agencies in carrying out counter drug operations and fugitive apprehension. In 2018, the VOTF made 235 felony level arrests. This included eight homicide suspects and 86 sex offense arrests. It also seized 43 firearms out of the hands of dangerous individuals who live in our community.

Officers Kinney and Adkins assisted the VOTF in assisting the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in a massive interstate drug sting. This operation resulted in 29 arrests, the seizure of a large quantity of illicit narcotics including fentanyl, and multiple firearms. These efforts shut down a criminal enterprise responsible for activities across multiple states with distribution sites in Pierce, Kitsap, King, Skagit, and Snohomish Counties.

Officer Adkins and Officer Kinney work closely with APD's Investigation Unit to gather case information on major case suspects and work with the VOTF to apprehend these offenders. In 2018 the VOTF arrested multiple individuals wanted by APD for a wide variety of violent crimes to include: assault, rape, robbery, and kidnapping.

This partnership has proven to be of great benefit to our local community. It also affords our officers additional knowledge, training and experience to further their career progression.



In January 2018, Arlington Police Officer Justin Olson assumed the duties of School Resource Officer and liaison with the Arlington School District. This is a routine rotation of duties in the Arlington Police Department. Previous School Resource Officer Stephanie Ambrose returned to the road after four years to become one of the department's field training officers, teaching new officers the Arlington way of policing.

Justin started with the Arlington Police Department in November 2014. Prior to joining Arlington Police, Justin served in the United States Air Force for eight years as part of security forces (law enforcement). Justin continues to serve his country as a member of the Washington Air National Guard.

Justin has enjoyed building new relationships with the Arlington community and engaging with our youth. In his initial talks with students, Justin discovered that many were interested in learning more about the hows and whys of law enforcement. As a result, Justin brought the Conversations with Cops program to the students. Each month, Justin shares information or brings in a fellow law enforcement professional to share what they do, how they do it, and why at Arlington High School and Weston High School.

Justin's primary office is at Arlington High School. He visits all of the Arlington school district campuses frequently through the school year.



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# POLICE EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

**2017 AND 2018**



**KENDAHL METCALFE**  
2017



**BRITNEY SUTTON**  
2018



**KEN THOMAS**  
2018

2017

**RETIRED**



**MICHAEL KEATING**

2018

**RETIRED**



**ANTHONY DAVIS**  
'BLUE'



**IN MEMORIAM**

**CHIEF STEVE ROBINSON (RET.)**

**JANUARY 11, 1950 - SEPTEMBER 8, 2018**

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