

Off The Cuff OfChief Steve Springer

Since the last CUFF Newsletter there have been several significant changes within the ranks of the Fairview Heights Police Department.

For the first time in over 22 years, the Fairview Heights Police Department has a new police chief. On December 7, 1999, I was sworn in as the fourth police chief in the history of the Fairview Heights Police Department. I am extremely proud to have been chosen to fill this position. Further, I pledge to maintain the professionalism and quality of service that has become the trademark of this police department over the years.

To help you get to know me better, I would like to provide some information about me. I am 47 years old and have been a member of the Fairview Heights Police Department for 26 years. I have served the Fairview Heights Police Department as a patrol officer, an undercover narcotics agent, a detective, a sergeant, a lieutenant, a captain, and now as chief of police. I have an Associate of Science degree, a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Administration of Criminal Justice, and a Master's degree in Public Administration. I am also a graduate of the 172nd session of the F.B.I. National Academy. I have been married to my wife Martha for 24 years, and we have two daughters – Jennifer and Laura.

On February 15, 2000, several other police employees also received promotions. Those officers were:

Sgt. Dave Fellows - promoted to lieutenant.
Ptl. Mike Origliosso – promoted to sergeant.
Ptl. Logan Harris – promoted to sergeant.

Last but not least, on April 2, 2000, Todd Cain was sworn in as the newest member of the Fairview Heights Police Department. (See Ptl. Cain's following article.)

In closing, I would like to thank all of the elected officials, police department employees, city employees, and citizens for all the support and assistance they have provided me over the past year. I sincerely look forward to continuing my service to the community as chief of police.

STEPHEN M. SPRINGER
Chief of Police