

News Release



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Thomas A. Clark, Chief

After thirty-three years of law enforcement service, including twenty-eight years with the Town of Ashland, Captain Ralph Johnson has announced his retirement effective December 31, 2007. Captain Johnson began his career with the Hanover County Sheriff's Office prior to joining the Ashland Police Department in August of 1979. Throughout his career Captain Johnson has "done it all" from K-9 handler to Investigator and held every rank attainable from patrol officer to acting chief of police. Most recently, he has worked extensively with local businesses to fund raise for Virginia Special Olympics, a major law enforcement community charity. A life-long Ashland resident, Captain Johnson remains an active member in his Church, Ashland First Baptist Church, and will always be known as a popular liason between the police department and the community. A public reception will be held in appreciation of his service to the community.