

# JOPLIN

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Chief of Police

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## **Police Chief Jason Burns announces retirement date**

Joplin Police Chief Jason Burns announces his intention to retire from the Joplin Police Department effective March 1, 2016. Chief Burns began his career in law enforcement in 1993 and began working with the Joplin Police Department in February 1996. Chief Burns is the first internally promoted Chief since 1986.

In the past two years, total crime has been reduced 15%, equating to a reduction of 1311 individual crimes. The Department has become accredited through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) for the third time, receiving a certificate of Advanced Accreditation and Intelligence Led policing has been initiated.

Perhaps the most noteworthy accomplishment during his career at JPD was the development and implementation of IMPACT (Improving Methods Proactively Against Crime Trends), a model used to address crime hot spots across the City. Chief Burns states, "I owe my success to the men and women of the Joplin Police Department and could not be prouder of this entire organization".

The Joplin Police Department wants to thank Chief Burns and his family for his service to the police department as well as the community. We wish him well in his endeavors and he will be greatly missed.

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