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Montco Chief Deputy Sheriff Ricci announces retirement

Norristown, Pa., (January 6, 2014) – Montgomery County Chief Deputy Sheriff Alfred J. Ricci has announced his retirement following 48 years of law enforcement leadership and community service. Ricci will leave his post on Friday, January 10, 2014.

Ricci started his long law enforcement career in 1966 with the Norristown Police Department (NPD) after responding to an advertisement in a local newspaper while working at a tire company, and has been with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department (MCSD) for 14 years. He was recently honored, surrounded by his peers, friends and family, with a special plaque for his outstanding work during a MCSD commendation ceremony held on Dec. 18, 2013.

As a patrolman with the NPD, Ricci was instrumental in forming the department's first K-9 Unit after searching and capturing a suspect who was later found guilty of killing a Philadelphia Police Officer. After being promoted to sergeant, Ricci led a platoon of 11 officers to make over 360 drug related arrests in addition to their normal duties. Ricci joined the MCSD in 2000 as the chief deputy sheriff under Sheriff John P. Durante and served as an interim sheriff following Durante's unexpected passing.

"I've been lucky that this is the first time that I'll be without a job," said Ricci.

A replacement has not yet been announced for the position.

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