

Mayor Coleman praises Chief Harrington upon Chief's announcement not to seek 2nd term

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Saint Paul Police Chief John Harrington announced Wednesday that he won't be seeking another term as chief of the police department. A native of the southside of Chicago, Chief Harrington joined the department in 1977 and was named chief in 2004.

Mayor Chris Coleman praised the chief's leadership, especially in community policing and domestic violence.

"Chief Harrington has served our City honorably for more than three decades. Under his leadership the police department has kept crime low and made great progress in community policing and addressing domestic violence," Mayor Coleman said. "During my time as mayor he has become a trusted advisor and partner as we have worked together to keep Saint Paul safe.

"The Chief will be difficult to replace, and I extend my sincere best wishes to him and his family as they move on. In the coming weeks and months, I will be working with Chief Harrington, the City Council, and the community to ensure an inclusive search and a smooth transition to a new leader for the Saint Paul Police Department."

Chief Harrington's six-year term ends June 30.