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HAILEY POLICE CHIEF ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

(Hailey, Idaho) – Hailey Police Chief Brian McNary announced his intent to retire from his long career with the Hailey Police Department effective November 1, 2007. His announcement comes approximately two weeks before he sets off on a cross-country tour to utilize accumulated vacation leave.

Hired by the City of Hailey in 1989, McNary rose to the rank of captain before accepting the duties of Chief of Police in 1991 at the behest of former Mayor Brad Siemer. During his 18 years of service to Hailey, the city's population has doubled, three new school campuses have been added, and traffic impacts resulted in four traffic lights being developed on Main Street. McNary says, "As I look over the last 18 years, the changes in this department are mind boggling."

An open house was held in the Hailey City Council Chambers on July 19, 2007 to honor McNary and other exiting department managers.

City Administrator Jim Spinelli appointed Lt. Jeff Gunter to act as Interim Police Chief from July 27 through November 1, 2007, or until the recruitment effort for a permanent police chief is accomplished. Spinelli expects that process to take three to four months.

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