



After 34 incredible years of service to the Redding community, I have notified City Manager Tarbox of my intent to retire from the Redding Police Department. I will be retiring from the Department on September 19, 2026. Over the past few weeks, I have had the privilege of working with City Manager Tarbox to ensure ample time to recruit and select the best candidate for the next Chief of Police prior to my retirement.

I do not have the words to express how grateful and blessed I am to have had the opportunity over the past 34 years to work for the Redding Police Department and serve the great community of Redding. I have had the honor of wearing the Redding Police Department uniform since I began as a police explorer at 15 years old and rose through the ranks over the past 34 years to my final position as Chief of Police. My career has been filled with so many great and exciting memories, and also a fair share of helping people in their darkest times. I will cherish all the memories as I transition into the next chapter of my life.

My career would not have been possible without the great men and women, past and present, that I have had the honor and privilege to work beside over my career. The men and women of the Redding Police Department are truly the best of the best and represent all that is good in our profession. Thank you for your tireless service to our community.

I thank the citizens of Redding for your trust, support, and collaboration over my career with the Redding Police Department. It has been an absolute privilege to serve you, protect you, and work hand in hand with you to make Redding a safer and stronger community. The unwavering support has been a constant source of inspiration for me to serve over my years of service.

Words cannot describe the thanks I have for my family and all you have done to get me through my career in law enforcement. Although I wore the badge, you bore the burden of my service. You have been my rock and my greatest blessing. July will truly be a special month with my retirement and the celebration of 25 years of marriage to my amazing wife. I am so excited for the next chapter of our life together.

Thank you for the memories, the trust, and the opportunity to serve.

Chief Brian Barner

